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## CUMBERLAND PIT DISASTER.

### TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN HAIG MINE.

### THIRTEEN KILLED IN TEST FOR SAFETY.

### TRAGEDY REPEATED.

London, Feb. 12.

A terrible pit disaster occurred in Cumberland to-day, involving, it is feared, the lives of at least thirteen prominent officials, who were testing the safety of the Haig pit at Whitehaven, following a tragedy two months ago when four miners were killed.

The Haig Pit had been closed since the tragedy, sealed up, and soon after the members of the inspection party, including two Government inspectors and nine officials, had entered there was a terrible explosion and thirteen of the group were killed.

The victims were inspecting the pit with a view to re-opening it, and they had reached a sealed working. It is believed that the explosion was caused by gas rushing out of the working when the party broke down the sealing.

All Hope Abandoned.

Later.

It is confirmed that thirteen of the inspection party are missing as the result of the explosion in the Haig Pit. All hope for them has been abandoned. Rescue work is impossible owing to a heavy fall of the roof and the foul atmosphere in the pit.

That part of the pit in the area of the explosion has again been sealed up.—*Reuter.*

Miners Representatives.

London, Feb. 12.

It is feared that thirteen men have lost their lives in an accident to-day in a pit at Whitehaven, Cumberland. The pit had been closed since an accident, which occurred, recently, and an inspection party, including two Government inspectors, as well as nine officials, and representatives of the Miners' Union, who are among the missing, were inspecting it with a view to its being reopened.

The sealed working was opened, and it is thought the gas rushed out and caused the explosion.—*British Wireless.*

Survivors' Grim Story.

Later.

Further details of the terrible pit disaster, show that a party of twenty-one was endeavouring to locate the body of one of the men killed in the tragedy last December, when the removal was made impossible by a fire which broke out.

Shortly after mid-night last night, some of the party were taking refreshments and re-charging the oxygen apparatus when four explosions occurred.

The fourth, the most violent, hurled the men off their feet and filled the mine with foul air.

The eight survivors blinded and dazed and partially gassed, stumbled or crawled guided by only one lamp for over two miles to the base of the shaft where they arrived in a most exhausted state, several collapsing.—*Reuter.*

### FINE WEATHER FOR DERBY DAY.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone is moving east-north-east into the Sea of Japan. A depression is forming to the south of Ishigaki. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

### FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S DEATH.

Rome, Feb. 12.

The death has occurred of M. Doulet, the French Ambassador to the Holy See.—*Reuter.*

## WUHU BOYCOTT A FAILURE.

### ABSENCE OF ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING.

### ACTION AGAINST REDS.

Wuhu, Feb. 12.

The latest news with regard to the boycott attempt is to the effect that it is proving to be a failure, as goods of British manufacture can be bought and sold without interference in the native city.

There is an improvement in the general situation and a marked absence of anti-foreign feeling. Mr. Pang Wen-ming, who is the new Director of the Mineral Oil Tax Bureau, covering the whole of the Anhui Province, is very desirous of working in harmony with the foreign companies.

The bad trade which has been experienced during the past few months has resulted in a big increase among the ranks of the unemployed, and Communists have seized upon this state of affairs to create trouble. Measures are being taken by the authorities to curb their activities.—*Naval Wireless.*

### EUROPEAN GIRL KILLED.

### DISTRESSING ACCIDENT IN KOWLOON.

### FALL FROM VERANDAH

A distressing accident happened shortly after six o'clock last evening, when the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. Larler, Bandmaster of the 5/2nd Punjab Regiment, fell from the verandah of the home of her parents at No. 8, Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon and was killed.

The circumstances surrounding the accident are still under investigation, but it appears, from a police report received this morning, that the little girl overbalanced herself while leaning over the verandah, and dropped down a height of 13 feet; into the street, death occurring almost instantaneously, from severe head injuries.

Life was already extinct when the little girl was rushed to the nearest doctor.

The utmost sympathy for the parents will be felt by the community generally in the heavy bereavement which has befallen them.

### THEFT OF BIG SUM.

### PLEA FOR LENIENCY IN COURT.

Before Major C. Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, a folk of the Kwong Wah Cheong firm, of No. 302 Des Voeux Road, was charged with the theft by bail of a sum of \$6,000 belonging to the firm. Another man was charged with receiving half of this money.

Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, urged his Worship to deal leniently with both defendants, pointing out that, in the first case, the man charged with larceny had made restitution in restoring half of the amount stolen, and in promising to restore also the other half. In the case of the second defendant, Mr. Lo said that apart from his having received the recovered \$3,000 there was nothing suspicious about his conduct. The case was adjourned.

### MR. AMERY'S EMPIRE TOUR.

### NEARLY 400 SPEECHES DELIVERED.

London, Feb. 12.

Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, the Colonial Secretary, has returned from his 55,000-miles Empire tour. He has averaged 260 miles daily, in his travels, and delivered over 380 speeches, since his departure on July 22nd.—*Reuter.*

## TERRIFIC GALES IN BRITAIN.

### LIVERPOOL'S TYPHOON EXPERIENCE.

### AEROPLANE'S BATTLE WITH 90 MILE HURRICANE.

### HEROIC SEA RESCUE.

London, Feb. 12.

The great gale which swept over Great Britain on Friday night, and continued intermittently, but with decreasing violence, until yesterday afternoon, was, one of the worst ever experienced in this country.

In some places, notably in the northern districts, the wind reached a great velocity. At Liverpool, it rose temporarily to 104 miles an hour which is the record velocity registered in England since reliable observations began.

Many Houses Wrecked.

Reports of wrecked houses and other havoc wrought by the hurricane have been received from all parts of the country.

It is known that five lives were lost, and that several people were injured, while shipping round every coast suffered severely.

Telegraph and telephone wires were brought down and the railway services were delayed by the falls of trees across the lines.

Heavy north-westerly gales were still blowing early this morning in the North Sea and in the English Channel, where heavy seas are running.

Air Liners Battle.

Despite the storm the Handley-Page air liners of the Imperial Airways maintained an outward service to Paris, Brussels and Cologne. The inward services from Brussels and Cologne to London were cancelled, but one of the Imperial Airways liners, carrying eighteen passengers, made the flight from Paris to London. The machine encountered gusts of 90 miles an hour and the nerve-wrecking journey occupied four hours.

Steamer Founders.

The Norwegian steamer, the Taernina, of Oslo, bound from Port Taddon to Lisbon with 1,060 tons of coal on board foundered in the gale at Padstow. By splendid seamanship, the Padstow lifeboat got alongside the vessel, and rescued the crew of eighteen.

The Canadian Pacific liner, the S.S. Montclare, on which Lieut. Col. L.C.M.S. Amery, the Colonial Secretary, returned from his tour of the Dominion, was held up yesterday at Liverpool by the rough weather. Lt. Col. Amery is expected to reach London this afternoon.—*British Wireless.*

London, Feb. 12.

Eleven were killed, many injured, and widespread damage was caused by a hurricane which swept over the whole of Britain. It was the most violent ever recorded in the country.—*Reuter.*

Further Casualties.

London, Feb. 12. In addition to the eleven deaths in the gale previously noted, a vessel used for obtaining sand from the banks of the Mersey was wrecked, and six members of the crew perished. The vessel was wrecked between Liverpool and Widnes.—*Reuter.*

### WHEN SEA FROZE.

### FISHERMEN ON ICEFLOES SAVED.

Riga, Feb. 12.

A message from Leningrad states that 300 horses were also carried seawards on the icefloes which became detached from the coast during a storm off the Cronstadt coast, with 400 fishermen.

Later, the sea froze, enabling the majority of the fishermen to return safely. Twenty of the men are reported to have been drowned.—*Reuter.*

## DISASTROUS FIRE IN CANADA.

### TEN KILLED & TWENTY-FOUR MISSING.

### GOLD MINE OUTBREAK.

Timmins, Ont., Feb. 18.

A disastrous fire broke out to-day in the Hollinger gold-mine and there are at least ten fatalities, in addition to 24 others who are missing.

The dense smoke and the fumes which accompanied the blaze considerably hampered the rescue work. Special fire-fighting apparatus was rushed to the scene from Pittsburgh, and expert smoke-fighters from Toronto. The fumes are spreading into adjacent mines.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### THE CASH SWEEPS.

#### THE LUCKY NUMBER AT TO-DAY'S RACES.

#### BIG PRIZEWINNERS.

Below are the Cash Sweep ticket numbers on to-day's Races:

1st Race.

Ticket No. 203.—\$50.80  
" 217.—\$188.80  
" 119.—\$91.40  
\$50 Tickets:—456, 73, 309, 237, 255, 430, 164, 333, 197, 29, 297, 359, 357, 463, 170, 105.

2nd Race.

Ticket No. 259.—\$1,101.40  
" 164.—\$340.40  
" 235.—\$170.20  
\$50 Tickets:—195, 166, 7, 355, 76, 261, 28.

3rd Race.

Ticket No. 50.—\$1,457.40  
" 15.—\$416.40  
" 271.—\$208.20  
\$50 Tickets:—144, 291, 157, 400, 328.

4th Race.

Ticket No. 302.—\$1,646.00  
Ticket No. 581.—\$470.00  
Ticket No. 550.—\$235.00  
\$50 Tickets:—636, 322, 447, 382, 411.

5th Race.

Ticket No. 361.—\$3,042.20  
Ticket No. 413.—\$369.20  
Ticket No. 883.—\$434.60  
\$50 Tickets:—745, 620, 1046.

6th Race.

Ticket No. 867.—\$3,150.00  
Ticket No. 999.—\$900.00  
Ticket No. 316.—\$450.00  
\$50 Tickets:—162, 102.

7th Race.

Ticket No. 643.—\$3,356.40  
Ticket No. 222.—\$970.40  
Ticket No. 692.—\$485.20  
\$50 Tickets:—1095, 728, 1012, 691, 78, 609, 330, 1206, 226, 162.

8th Race.

Ticket No. 1006.—\$3,115.00  
Ticket No. 102.—\$890.00  
Ticket No. 217.—\$446.00  
\$50 Tickets:—699, 231, 630, 836, 355, 376, 471.

9th Race.

Ticket No. 611.—\$2,781.80  
Ticket No. 1040.—\$754.80  
Ticket No. 285.—\$397.40  
\$50 Tickets:—1058, 833, 973, 872, 1054, 669, 933.

10th Race.

Ticket No. 310.—\$2,772.00  
Ticket No. 1055.—\$792.00  
Ticket No. 267.—\$339.00  
\$50 Tickets:—112, 331, 802, 201, 977, 26.

11th Race.

Ticket No. 643.—\$2,276.40  
Ticket No. 84.—\$550.40  
Ticket No. 355.—\$325.20  
\$50 Tickets:—194, 718, 778, 294, 717, 1001, 479, 40, 871, 293, 748, 511, 18, 745, 463, 948.

Lady Tyrwhitt is to distribute the prizes at the St. Mary's School on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m.

A departmental enquiry was held at the Harbour Office this morning, to investigate the circumstances of the collision between a Star Ferry launch and Police Launch No. 6. The proceedings were private.

## ARMS FOR CHANG TSO-LIN.

### "PRAGA" SHIPMENT DENIAL.

### CONTRABAND NOT SHIPPED BY GERMANS.

### SHANGHAI STATEMENT

Shanghai, Feb. 7.

Although the German Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai was warned by the German Consul-General here, Mr. F. Thiel, to caution German firms against dealing in contraband arms, it was learned yesterday from reliable sources that no Germans were connected in any manner with the recent shipment of arms on the Czechoslovakian steamer Praga, which recently put into the port of Chinwangtao with thousands of rifles and a big supply of ammunition for use by Northern soldiers.

It is stated on good authority that the shipment of arms on the Praga was contracted for by a foreigner not a German, at the city of Brunn, and that the arms were put aboard the steamer which sailed down the Elbe River, which is international and therefore ships sailing on that stream are not subject to intervention by the German authorities, unless, of course, they are steamers flying the flag of the German Republic.

Minister's Admission.

Advices from Europe state that in an official interview, the Czechoslovakian Minister of National Defence admitted that the Praga is owned by a Czechoslovakian engineer and that the ship flies the flag of his country.

It is pointed out in Shanghai that hundreds of thousands of German rifles and other munitions were surrendered to the Allies at the close of the Great War, and that many of these rifles are now in the hands of various private firms in European countries. A large number of them are reported to have been re-conditioned or rebuilt and sold to Chinese generals.

Note of Protest.

The report, widely circulated, that the arms on board the Praga were of German manufacture and that Germans were interested in the shipment of the arms and ammunition to China, brought a note of protest from Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, to Mr. Thiel, the Consul-General for Germany in Shanghai. The note was the second protest of the same nature, the first protest having been made about a month previously.

Mr. Quo complained that information had reached him that certain German firms were dealing in arms for China and requested that the Consul-General take immediate action to put an end to the business.

The German Consul-General's reply to the note stated that to his knowledge no German firms were dealing in arms or ammunition and that no Germans were connected in any manner with the shipment of arms on the Praga.

### JUNK SUNK IN COLLISION.

### OVER FORTY PERSONS RESCUED.

A collision in Lyemun Pass is reported by the master of a Chinese trading junk, who stated to the police, on Saturday afternoon, that his junk, with a crew of six, and passengers numbering 39 persons, comprising 31 men and 8 women, was run into by a steamer, the identity of which is at present unknown.

The junk master stated that, after the collision, the steamer dropped anchor for a short time and then proceeded on her way.

The passengers were all rescued by another junk, and as far as the master could say, there were no casualties. The junk, which was valued at \$3,000, was a total loss.

## CANTON ANTI-RED MEASURES.

### FARMERS' GUILDS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

### TO DISARM PEASANTS.

Now that fifty per cent of the Labour Unions in Canton have been dissolved by the Government, it appears that activities along these lines have reached their final stage. The Government's next step in checking the Communist movement will be to prescribe or order the re-organisation of the Farmers' Guilds in several districts of Kwangtung.

It has been proposed by one of the Commissioners of the Government that all these guilds be dissolved and that at the same time all peasants who are members of the farmers' Guilds be disarmed. In some quarters it is thought that this proposal is too drastic, for it is known that not all the peasants are Communists.

Before long, it is reported, the Government will send representatives to the various districts for the purpose of examining the membership rolls of the Farmers' Guilds and dismissing all those whom the Government suspects of being Communists.

### BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

### NOTEWORTHY RECOVERY IN INDUSTRY.

### STRIKING FIGURES.

London, Feb. 12.

The Board of Trade returns for January disclose that the upward trend of exports was maintained during the month.

Compared with £55,500,000 in January of last year the value of exports last month exceeded £59,700,000, and the past month's total was about £1,000,000 above the figures for December.

Imports fell from £113,000,000 in January, 1927 to £100,000,000 last month. The increase shown in exports was well distributed, but the recovery shown in some of the larger industries is noteworthy.

Manufactures of iron and steel were exported to the value of over £5,250,000, showing an increase of £600,000. Machinery exports were up by £810,000. Cotton goods exports exceeded the previous January by £760,000. Increases were also shown in leather manufactures and artificial silk goods.

There was a sharp decline in coal exports.—*British Wireless.*

### AMERICA'S BIG NAVY PROGRAMME.

### SUBSTANTIAL CURTAILMENT LIKELY.

New York, Feb. 12.

The New York Times, on the authority of the "Big Navy" Group in the Congress, forecasts a substantial cut in the Administration's naval building programme, owing to the deluge of protests.

The Times recalls that President Coolidge speaking in 1926 declared the Navy then to be ample for all practical purposes. The journal adumbrates a cut of \$400,000,000 and the elimination of the provision of thirty-five submarines.

It also forecasts that the number of cruisers will be cut from 25 to 15 or even to 12.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### U. S. PRESIDENCY.

### MR. HERBERT HOOVER'S FIRST STATEMENT.

Washington, Feb. 12.

Mr. Hoover, who has now become a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, in his first campaign statement to-day, declared that he was bound so carry forward the Republican principles and the great objectives of Mr. Coolidge's policies.

For the present, he intends to retain the post of Head of the Department of Commerce.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## HEIR APPARENT BEATEN.

### SURPRISES IN TRIAL PLATE.

### CAPITAL SPORT IN TO-DAY'S RACES.

### A HUGE DIVIDEND.

Under conditions promising one of the most successful Meetings ever held under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, "Race Week" opened to-day at Happy Valley. As in other years, the calls of business will for the next three days largely give way to those of sport, and when the Meeting opened this morning there was a large gathering of turf enthusiasts and others present.

Both in ponies and owners, there is a considerable increase this year as compared with last. As against 124 ponies for the last Meeting, there are no fewer than 152 entered this year, whilst the owners number 65, compared with 42. What is more, the new subscription griffins are considered an exceptionally fine lot, and there is every promise of hot finishes in all the main events.

Brilliant sunshine, with a cold nip in the air, marked the opening day. After the night's rain, the course was somewhat damp, but by no means heavy and was rapidly drying when racing began.

Heir Apparent's Defeat.

For the most interesting event of the day, the Trial Plate, brought out six starters, notable absentees being November and Sitting Bull. It was won by Peck, with Mr. Heard up, after a great struggle with Coos Bay and Boxing Eve, the former gaining second place, a head behind Peck, and a neck in front of Boxing Eve.

Heir Apparent, the Derby favourite, took fourth place, about five lengths behind. At the start, Heir Apparent made the pace, with Boxing Eve and Coos Bay in close attendance. Peck laid fourth. Boxing Eve took the lead after the first quarter, but at the village bend, Peck came up very strongly and displaced him.

There were some good dividends paid by the "pari" amongst which must be mentioned the phenomenal return of \$569.40 for a win on Little St. Tang (Mr. Roza up), with \$41 for a place, in the Chater Cup. In the Maiden Stakes, Mr. Charles, riding Bakers Bay, paid his backers \$121.60 for a win.

1.—The Wong-Nai-Chong Stakes.—Winner \$600. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of any Season non-winners. Weight for inches as per scale (Jockey allowance). Half a Mile.

Mr. Seth's Meanwhile

(Mr. Haimovitch) 1

Dr. S. To Wong's Fair Eyes

(Mr. Roza) 2

Mr. Wayfoong's Brown Jug

(Mr. Heard) 3

Nineteen starters. A head; two lengths.

Time: 1 min. 01.4/5th secs.

Mr. Miller, riding Buano, was thrown at the quarter-mile post, but was not injured.

Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$18; 1st, \$7.50; 2nd, \$28.90; 3rd, \$20.50.

2.—The Maiden Stakes.—

Winner, \$1,000. Second \$300.

Third \$200. For China Ponies

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Mr. L. Dunbar's Bakers Bay

(Mr. Charles) 1



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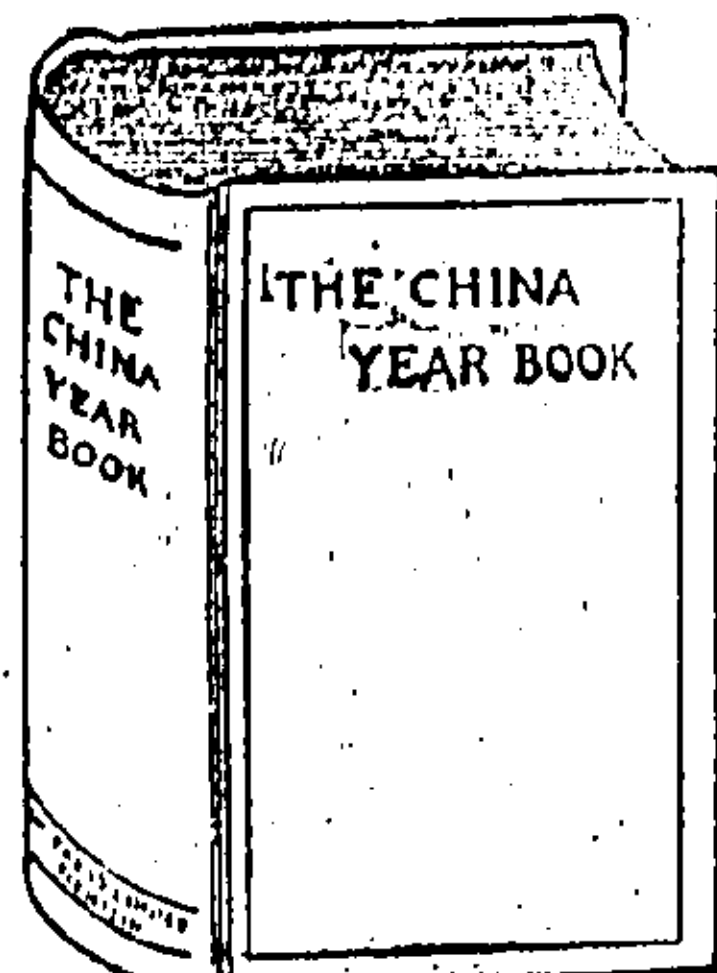
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## CANTON PEACE FUNCTION.

LI CHAI-SUM ENTERTAINS CONSULS.

Canton, Feb. 10.

At Provincial Government Headquarters last evening, a banquet was given in honor of the consular body at Canton, and friendship on the part of the local authorities was the prevailing theme, it was made evident by the consular representatives that that preferred friendship is fairly believed to be genuine, and is mutually reciprocated by all the foreign Powers.

The last function of this nature was held about a year ago, since which time, despite many vicissitudes, relations between Chinese and foreigners in Canton have become increasingly cordial, with the result that last night's gathering met under the happiest auspices. Ladies were also invited, and the total gathering numbered about a hundred persons. The principal members of the Canton government were present, including, besides General Li himself, the Mayor of Canton, Mr. Lam Man-kai, the chief of Police, Mr. Tang Yin-wa, the Commissioner of Reconstruction, Mr. Wu Te-chen, the Finance Commissioner, Mr. Feng Tso-wan, the head of the Canton navy, Mr. Chan Chak, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, and General Chen Ming-chu, who has recently arrived from Swatow.

### The Welcome.

The Provincial Government lighted and decorated for the occasion, and a military band gave musical honours on the arrival of the guests and also played selections during dinner. The guests were first entertained in an ante-room, being afterwards ushered into the main dining hall where an excellent Chinese repast awaited them. General Li Chai-sum gave as his toast "The Consular Body at Canton." Welcoming his guests that evening, General Li went on to refer to the disturbed conditions prevailing in China at the present time and their reactions on world peace. He regretted that this province, in common with other parts of China, was in an unsettled state, but claimed that they in Kwangtung were doing their duty in striving for the maintenance of order and the furtherance of prosperity, thereby helping to contribute to world peace and happiness.

Replying as Senior Consul, Dr. Crull remarked that the consular representatives in Canton were actuated by a desire to promote the best relations between China and foreign countries. There had been many obstacles in the way of the fulfilment of this desire, but no nation could thrive in isolation from the others, and for that reason it was to the best interests of both China and the foreign powers that they should work together, and he hoped that no clouds would come to overshadow the existing friendly relations. Dr. Crull asked the company to drink to a happy and prosperous China.

Brief replies were also delivered by the Japanese, American and French Consuls, each of whom endorsed the sentiments expressed by Dr. Crull, adding in each case that their chief desire was for the maintenance and furtherance of good relations between their respective countries and China.

### Mr. Brennan's Speech.

Mr. J. F. Brennan, who then proposed the toast of "The Kwangtung Provincial Government," spoke as follows:

It has fallen to my lot this evening to undertake the pleasant and honourable duty of proposing the toast of the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

I am indeed glad to have the opportunity of signifying in a public manner the resumption of those friendly relations which

have existed for so many years between my countrymen and the people of this province.

The British and the Cantonese have been bound to each other by close commercial ties ever since the foreign trade of this country began to be developed, and this intercourse has been of the greatest value to both nations. We have of course had our disputes and even our wars, but that experience is to be found in the history of all countries. The human race has unfortunately not yet reached that state of development when it can conduct its affairs entirely without conflict, and the great increase of rapid communications throughout the world has brought the nations into closer contact and accentuated differences in customs and ideas. But it is the duty of national representatives by friendly negotiation to remove the causes of friction and to enable the political development of their respective peoples to be fulfilled along their own national lines with mutual sympathy and understanding. This, as we know, is not always easy, but nevertheless it should not be so difficult in the case of two nations like Great Britain and China, who really have no conflicting interests but are at one in desiring the furtherance of their trade and commerce.

### Way Opened Up.

The proximity of the Colony of Hongkong whose peace and prosperity is bound up with that of this province renders it particularly desirable that British relations with the Provincial Government should be on a friendly footing, and on the other hand this Colony can be of great assistance to the province in dealing with many of its most pressing problems. The good understanding between the two places has unfortunately been interrupted in recent years, an interruption which was largely due to an alien influence, which endeavoured to use the Chinese nationalist movement for its own selfish ends. The recent exposure of that evil influence and the expulsion of its agents by the Chinese authorities has opened the way again to normal and friendly intercourse with the liberal nations of the world. It was in anticipation of that result that the British Government declared in its memorandum of December, 1926 its friendly policy and genuine sympathy with Chinese national aspirations, in return for that protection which British interests are entitled to expect from a civilized government, and you will have seen in to-day's press telegrams that that policy has been reaffirmed by His Majesty The King, and by all the party leaders, at the opening of the British Parliament in London.

His Excellency General Li and his present colleagues in Canton have, as we all know, taken an important part in bringing about the present improved state of affairs. You will therefore I am sure join with me in wishing them success in the difficult task which now lies before them; namely to restore peaceful and prosperous conditions to the much harassed people of this province. So far as the British are concerned I can assure him that we will watch his work with sympathetic interest and will be glad to give him such assistance as may be possible in the circumstances.

I should also like to take this opportunity of expressing a personal appreciation of the courtesy which has always been shown to myself and my Consular Colleagues by the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chu Chao-hsin. Mr. Chu is one of China's most notable diplomats who has served his country with distinction in London and Rome and his appointment to his present post is in itself a friendly gesture by the Canton authorities to the foreign representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to drink to the success of the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

Wu Te-chen's Reply.  
Mr. Wu Te-chen then replied as a representative of the Kwang-

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

ANNUAL MEETING OF WORSHIPPERS.

The annual meeting of Worshippers and Members of St. Peter's Church was held at the Sailors' Home, West Point, after the Choral Eucharist yesterday morning.

The report for the year, reviewing the activities of the church, was read by Mr. G. W. Griggs who said:

Since we met last this congregation has shown little outward change but a good deal of inward advancement. The past year's record is bound up with the devoted work (done without remuneration) of a few of the clergy, particularly the Rev. N. V. Halward. This period marks the growth of several organisations which were formed in connexion with the Church.

The Ladies' Guild, formed a couple of years ago, enjoyed a new lease of life since Miss Pope (and lately Miss Mow Fung) took up the Secretaryship. Regular devotional meetings had been held throughout the year, with the exception of three months in the summer. The marked improvement in the Altar and Sanctuary is entirely due to the members' efforts. Recently the Guild adopted the name of the Guild of Martha and Mary, the present membership having risen to 29.

The Servers' Guild started well, and at the beginning of the year, members met regularly for devotion and discussion. These meetings, however, were not maintained, and at present efforts are being made towards a revival.

Though during the year under review the number of communicants has risen 17%, it is felt that greater benefits could be derived from this great service if more were known of the significance and meaning of the various parts of the Office. With the aim of making the Eucharist, the principal service of this Church as it should be, you Council decided to hold it twice a month instead of once a month. The wisdom of this decision is shown by an increased attendance at this service.

Young Men's Club.

The Young Men's Club, formed at the end of 1926, began to function in 1927 under the able, sympathetic and energetic leadership of Rev. N. V. Halward, to whom so much is due for the rapid advance of the Church. Both the Church and the Club are a concrete example of what co-operation and devotion can do. In conjunction with the Church, this Club has been conducting two Sunday School classes for children. Parents are urged to send the children to these classes, which are being held every Sunday at 3 p.m. at No. 86 Bonham Road. In November last, this Club with the blessing of the Church Council, and the help of this congregation, successfully organised a Garden Fete. This organisation has since been taken over by the Church and in future will be run in the Church's name.

Our Branch of the V. D. A. is doing its little bit to help forward the work of the Diocese, under the energetic Secretaryship of Dr. Earle and Miss B. Yuen. In September last a picnic for the blind was organised by this Branch with the help of the Young Men's Club and some 60 blind girls availed themselves of this picnic. After a sumptuous tea, they were given various articles of clothing. Later during the year money was raised to provide them with a Christmas Treat.

The year closed with the departure of Government. He expressed gratification that the international obstacles which had led to misunderstanding in the past had now been done away with, and pointed out that the good relations now prevailing were at one and the same time a manifestation of the good-will existing between Chinese and foreigners and an encouragement to international trade and commerce.

## A WELCOME BACK.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATION.

The Hongkong and the Chinese Lodges of The Theosophical Society held a Musical Social at Lane Crawford's Restaurant on Sunday evening, in celebration of the return of Mr. M. Manuk, the President of the Hongkong Lodge. A large number of Members, as well as friends and sympathisers of the Theosophical movement with their families, gathered to take part in the function.

After tea and refreshments had been served, the Chairman, Mr. John Russell, Vice-President of the Hongkong Lodge addressed the meeting, welcoming, in the name of the Members, and all those present, their returned President and leader. His address was followed by various musical items and songs.

The next speaker was Mr. Wei Tat B.A., the President of the Chinese Lodge, T.S., who welcomed Mr. M. Manuk in the name of the Chinese Lodge and expressed the hope that with his cooperation and help Theosophy would make every progress in China.

Mr. M. Manuk addressed the meeting. Further musical items by Mr. C. McLeod and Mr. R. W. Russell L.R.A.M., completed the musical programme.

## BRITISH LEGION.

LORD JELLCOE WISHES TO SOUND OPINION.

London, Feb. 11.  
Lord Jellicoe is postponing his reply to the invitation to him to become President of the British Legion, in succession to the late Earl Haig, until he has tested the feeling of the branches of the Legion thereon.

The Prince of Wales is associating himself with the national appeal for a memorial to the late Earl Haig, to take the form of "Douglas Haig Memorial Homes." The appeal is being launched at a meeting at the Mansion House, at which it is hoped the Prince of Wales and Mr. Baldwin will be present.—*Reuter*.

ture of Mr. Copley Moyle, who gave much of his time, thought and prayer to this little Church. Through his instrumentality, as well as that of Dr. Earle, St. Peter's is now closely linked with the Cathedral and we look forward with eagerness to the appointment of the Permanent Chaplain, a large portion of whose stipend is being met by the Mother Church. There is little to report about the site for the new Church. The scheme for the removal of the Sailors' Home is not being proceeded with at present, and the question of the removal of this Church, which is part of the scheme, would have to stand over for the time being.

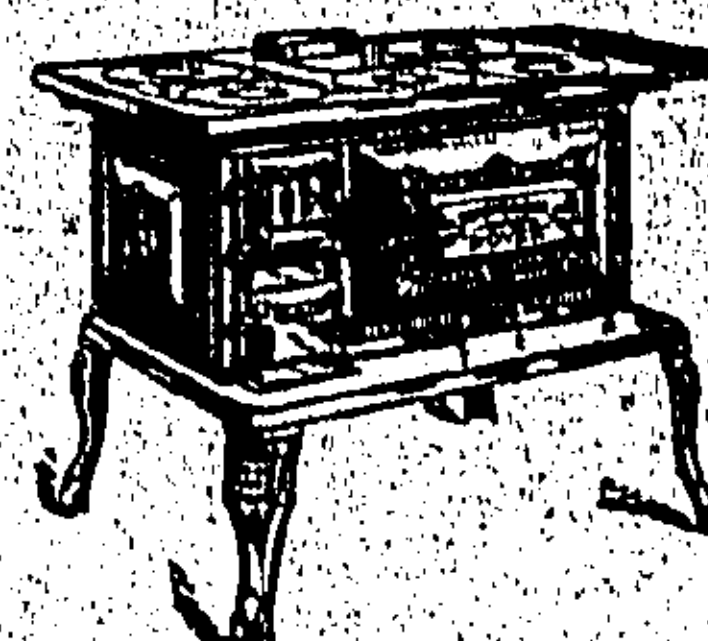
Your Council's policy for the future will be one of consolidation, just as the past year has been one of expansion. Whether our small numbers are an advantage or not, may be problematical, but the fact that our congregation is not a changing one, is a distinct gain, and it is up to us to make the most of it.

### The Officials.

The following were the officials elected: Chairman: Cathedral Chaplain; Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. W. R. Griggs; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. A. Allen; Committee, Dr. S. W. Phoon, G. Zimmermann, A. W. Miller, Miss R. Mowfung, Miss B. Pope and Miss M. Yuen; V. D. A. Council, Mr. A. E. Lea and Miss B. Yuen; Sidesmen, Messrs. H. Allen, W. Allen, A. W. Miller, A. E. Lea, V. G. Thomas and C. Rosselet.

It was decided that the election of two collectors for the British and Foreign Bible Society should be left to the Council for consideration while it was further decided that one Sunday's collection be devoted to the Society.

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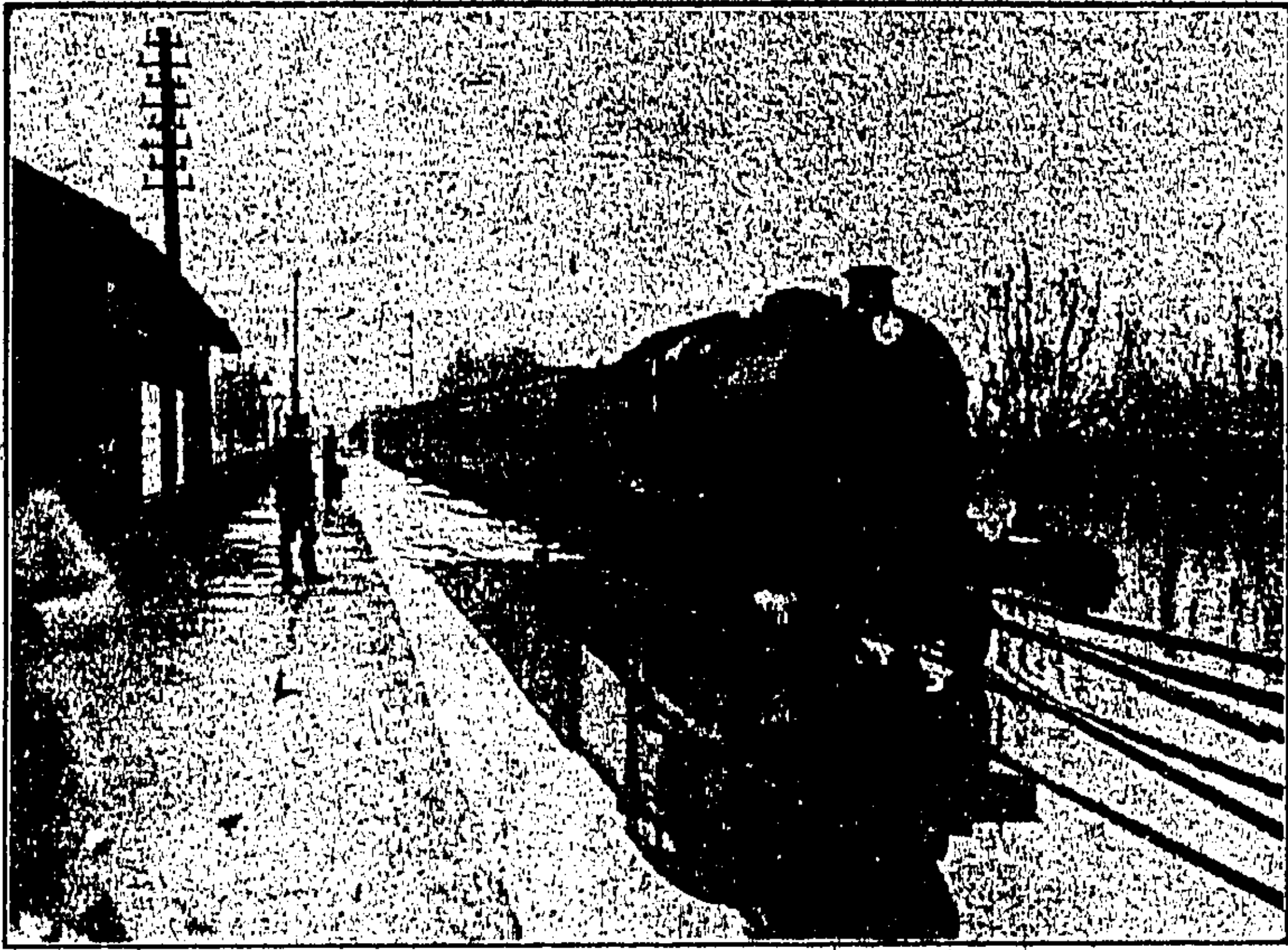
## SALESMAN SAM



## He Won't Be Lonesome

## By Small





An express train passing through a flooded railway station near Cambridge during the recent Home floods.



Miss Setsuko Matsudaira, daughter of the Japanese Ambassador to Washington, is to be consort to Prince Yasuhito Chichibu, brother of the Emperor of Japan. The bride and her father are pictured above, the Prince in the inset.

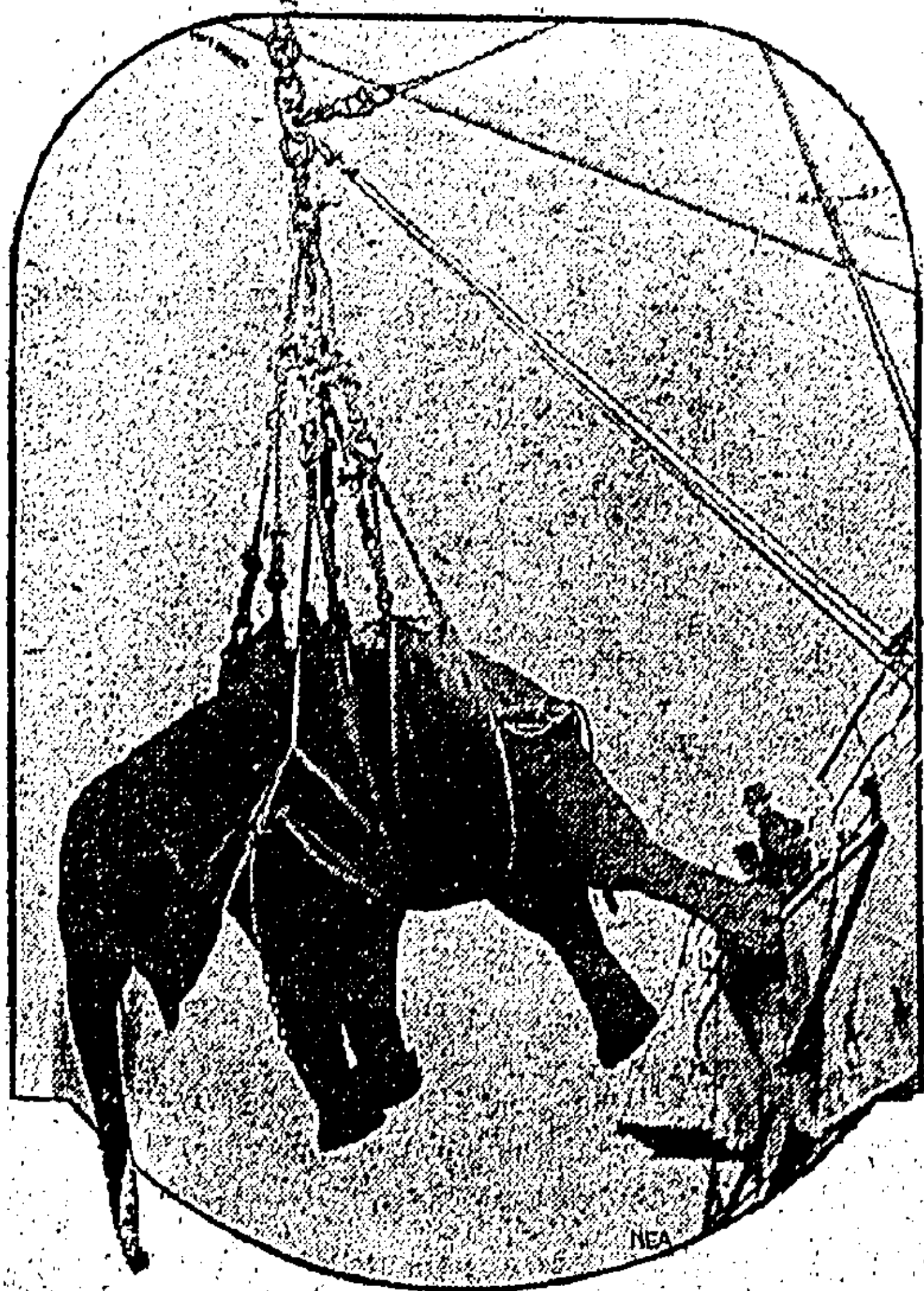


Some of the crowd which gathered in Shanghai recently to watch the Light Horse Point to Point.



A section of the F. A. B. leading off at the corner of Warren and Hungjao Roads Shanghai at the start of the recent cross-country competition ride. The first three in were Leo. Bdr. Fabian, Gnr. H. Hertzberg and Leo. Bdr. Door.

**TO-MORROW SPECIAL  
HOME FLOOD PICTURES  
WILL APPEAR.**



When an elephant goes travelling they have to use a derrick instead of an ordinary gangplank to get him aboard ship. This photo shows an elephant being hoisted aboard a steamer at Los Angeles, en route to Honolulu with what is said to be the first circus ever to visit the Hawaiian Islands.



The first three bodies to be taken from the sunken hull of the submarine S-4 are shown above as they rested, flag-draped on the deck of the U. S. S. Bushnell at Provincetown, Mass. A sailor stands guard over his lost comrades.



For many years prospectors have hunted unsuccessfully for oil fields in Australia. C. M. Evans, shown above, however, is the first to have any luck. Evans struck a "gusher" about 320 miles from the city of Brisbane recently.



Colonel C. B. Robbins of Cedar Rapids, Ia., has been nominated by President Coolidge as assistant secretary of war.

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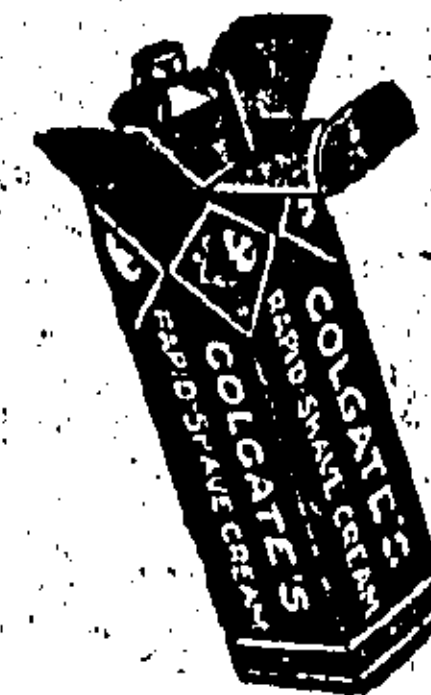
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#### NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. on Wednesday, 22nd February, 1928, at 5.30 p.m. to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927, and to elect Officers, etc. By Order,  
G. E. S. UPSDELL,  
Hon. Secretary.

### THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Wednesday, the 29th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 17th February, 1928, to Wednesday, the 29th February, 1928, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
F. H. CRAPNELL,  
Secretary.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 25th February 1928 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 20th February, 1928.

#### RACE HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open for the Transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th, 14th and 15th instant, and close at 12 noon.  
Hongkong, 8th Feb. 1928.

### THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 18th February, 1928, at 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 11th February to SATURDAY 18th February, 1928, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.

### THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and if thought fit to sanction the payment to the Directors of the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in addition to the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 96 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st January, 1928. The purpose of this is to make effective the following resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 23rd January, 1927: "That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum."

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 6th February, 1928 to Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1928.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

#### RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 15th & 18th February.  
The first Race on each day will be run at 12 o'clock noon. The first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. on each day.

#### MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 11th February, 1928 at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only. Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

#### SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands. Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 13th February to Saturday the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors  
A. C. HYNES,  
Chief Manager.

### THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th February, 1928, to TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order  
of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN ARNOLD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1250 b.

Chartered Bank, \$211 b.

Mercantile A. & B., \$321 n.

P. and O. \$10 n.

East Asia, \$731 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$6171 b.

Union Ins., \$306 b.

North China Ins., Tls. 143 n.

Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.

China Underwriters, \$21 b.

China Firms, \$215 n.

H. K. Firms, \$685 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$421 b.

H. K. Steamboats, \$361 b.

H. K. Tugs, \$290 s.

Indo-China, (Prof.) \$36 n.

Shall Trans, \$5/- n.

Union Waterboats, \$17 X Div b.

Mining.

Bonguots, \$21 b.

Kailans, \$4/- b.

Langkats, Tls. 131 b.

Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.85 n.

Raubas, \$41 b.

Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$134 s.

Whampoa Docks, \$48 b.

China Providents, \$5.85 b.

Hongkows, Tls. 163 b.

New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 97 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.55 sa.

Oriental, Tls. 2 b.

Shai Cottons, Tls. 43 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$8.40 s.

H. K. Lands, \$65 b.

Shai Lands, Tls. \$134 b.

Humphreys, \$141 b.

Realities, \$8.60 b.

Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$261 b.

Peak Trams, (old) \$14 n.

Star Ferries, \$67 b.

China Lights, (Comb.) \$17.85 n.

H'kong Electric, \$72 s.

Macao Electric, \$21 X Rights b.

Telephones \$4.35 n.

China Buses, Tls. 61 n.

Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$9.80 s.

Malabans, \$271 s.

Canton Iron, \$1 b.

Coments (Comb.) \$10.7 s.

Ropes (Old) \$9.80 n.

United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$19 b.

Watsons, \$12.30 b.

Der A. Wing, \$6 s.

Lana Crawfords, \$3.10 s.

Mackintosh, \$22 s.

Sinceres, \$9 b.

Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$281 b.

Constructions, \$15 n.

B'que Ind. G. Enoda, 56% b.

H. K. G. Loan, 5% Pror.

## CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## CHARITY TENNIS.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—With reference to the Exhibition Tennis Matches held at our Club in November last, a net profit of \$441.98 was realised. The Committee of this Club have decided to distribute the above amount to various local charities, as follows:

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League | \$100.00 |
| Home for the Blind Kowloon City                          | 101.98   |
| Little Sisters of the Poor                               | 50.00    |
| Ngau Shi Wan   | 50.00    |
| Allice Memorial Hospital                                 | 50.00    |
| Home for the Aged, Kowloon                               | 100.00   |
| Tin Kwok School & Orphanage, Kowloon City                | 50.00    |
| Chinese Mission to Lepers, Hongkong Auxiliary            | 50.00    |
| Police Street Boys' Club                                 | 30.00    |
|  | \$541.98 |

The Committee desire to express their thanks to the public for their kind support; to the players who so willingly gave their services in order to make the exhibitions a success; to the "Star" Ferry Co., the Advertising & publicity Bureau and "Reuter" for displaying posters advertising the matches, free of charge; and to the Cafe Regent and Sincere Co., Ltd., for their services in attending to the booking and selling of the tickets.—yours, etc.,

C. F. LEE,  
Hon. Secretary.

## STAR THEATRE.

## BARNARD MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

Theatre-goers will be interested to learn from a special advertisement in this issue of the Telegraph that the Barnard Musical Comedy Company, which is at present enjoying a successful season at the Theatre Royal, will begin a short season at the Star Theatre in Kowloon this week.

The season will open on Thursday, February 16, with "Katja," the big musical comedy success, which has been played for two nights only in Hongkong. "Katja" will be followed by the delightful comedy, "Mercenary Mary," the musical comedy, "Queen High," which has been played for one day only in Hongkong, and "The Review of Revues," which will be entirely new to the Colony. Comprising the best items of five different revues, "The Review of Revues" will be one of the most sparkling productions ever presented in Hongkong.

Booking for the Kowloon season opens at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre to-day. Prices of admission will be \$5, \$4, \$2 and \$1. The first two rows of the stalls will be \$5, but there will be plenty of seats in the orchestra stalls and dress circle at \$4. After the success achieved at the Theatre Royal, a thoroughly enjoyable season in Kowloon may be expected.

## EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. REPORT.

## BIG GRANT TO BUILDING FUND.

Features of the annual report of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, which is to be considered at the meeting on February 21, are that the Association's publication "The Red Triangle" is to be discontinued; and that two tennis courts are to be laid down on the ground behind the building. The membership shows an increase of 3 on the previous year, while the receipt and payment account shows that the year's results have enabled a grant of over \$11,000 to be made to the Building Fund.

## LIBERAL RECOVERY.

## GREAT JUBILATION.

London, Feb. 11. The Conservatives in the next Parliament are likely to number 180 instead of 415, according to the optimistic hope of Mr. Lloyd George, in a speech at Manchester, based on the tendency of recent by-elections, especially that at Lancaster.

The ex-Premier's elation was couched in characteristic metaphor. "Lancashire is not a single swallow," he said, "but one of a dozen; indicating that Summer has come."

"The Tory party treating the by-elections with contempt is like a polar bear perched on an iceberg which is melting as it nears the Gulf Stream."—Reuter.

## YANGTZE PORTS.

## COLD WEATHER DEPRESSES POLITICS.

Ichang, Feb. 11. Wu Nai Kuang, the newly appointed Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, has arrived. Reports from the district are to the effect that further trouble is likely to develop between the various military parties in Hunan. The heavy snowfall and generally cold weather has resulted in a temporary suspension of operations.—Naval Wireless.

## THE SALT REVENUE.

## SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH NANKING.

Peking, Feb. 11. The North China Standard learns from Shanghai that the negotiations between Mr. E. W. Mend and Mr. T. V. Soong have so satisfactorily progressed that four district inspectorates will be restored. These offices in normal times yield \$18,000,000 annually.

The Nanking Government has recognised the foreign loan obligations secured on the salt revenues. The results are due to the cordial spirit and business attitude shown by Mr. Soong.—Reuter.

## TEAPOT DOME INQUIRY.

## MR. J. D. ROCKEFELLER'S EVIDENCE.

Washington, Feb. 12. Mr. J. D. Rockefeller testified for an hour before the Senate Teapot Dome Committee. He answered all questions, but was unable to supply vital information. He expressed bitter disappointment at Colonel Stewart's refusal to testify, but he has absolute confidence in Colonel Stewart's integrity.—Reuter's American Service.

## BRITISH TRADE.

## BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS FOR JANUARY.

London, Feb. 11. The Board of Trade returns for January show the following details of British trade: The value imports was £100,389, 225, a decrease of £13,188,604 as compared with January of 1927. The value of exports was £59,742,733, an increase of £4,320,385 compared with January 1927.—Reuter.

## LANDSLIDES &amp; STORMS.

## FATALITIES IN NORWAY.

Oslo, Feb. 11. There have been twenty-five fatalities during the past few days due to disastrous landslides and storms.—Reuter.

WOMAN'S WORLD  
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

## Fashion Notes.

Every day Paris becomes more and more a city of veiled women, but only a few eye veils are to be seen in London as yet among the younger set. The plain fine-meshed veil, with one huge chenille spot somewhere about the cheek or chin, is catching on abroad, and veils edged with tiny gold or silver beads are noted on black hats in Paris.

## Coatees.

Coatees—and the term includes any length of coat in these days—reign supreme just now for evening as well as for daytime wear. Mrs. Edward Joyce, better known still by her one-time stage name of Vi Lorraine, was recently seen in London, wearing a gold lace frock with a Russian tunic coat of the same lace edged with three rows of coloured galon. Close by, a pretty slim girl was wearing, over a gold lame dress, a silver lace coatee edged with the gold lame in such a way that it flared away from the hips.

## Just a Hint.

When you are buying artificial silk or woollen suits, choose those in which two colours are mingled. All sorts of beiges and greys with a line of dark navy or the new lavender-blue with worth while. Friseca frocks with vests or revers of another colour and long coats bound with a contrasting shade are also very smart.

## A Morning Gown.



A distinctive morning frock in the popular check taffetas, showing wine-red lines on a beige ground. Plain beige crepe is introduced in the form of a tucked vest, collar and cuffs, while the initials are worked in red on beige.

## London Gossip.

[By "Joan."]

London, Jan. 14. Captain Phillips, the Bond-street dress consultant, has returned from Paris, where spring fashions, still unrevealed, are whispered about.

"Longer skirts and tighter waists are undoubtedly the trend," Captain Phillips told me. "Naturally, the big houses are shrouded in secrecy, but I hear that the fashionable colour of spring will be mauve."

## Robes of Metal.

"Sleeves will be worn in the evening—both flowing and tight."

## Fashions In Germany.

## HELPED BY THE CINEMA.

Berlin. Farewell for ever, plump German Gretchen with flaxen braids, shiny nose and clumping shoes. Good-bye frowsy Frau Schmidt with the feather bon and the funny hat perched atop a mid Victorian coiffeur.

The figure of the modern Frau and Fraulein is as slim—almost as Miss America's.

Hollywood stars twinkle in as many cinema palaces along Kurfuerstendamm as on Broadway. Gretchen, being clever, observed

## For the Shingled.



Here are two pretty notions that are perfectly simple to carry out: the first consists of a band of black velvet ribbon set with imitation pearls and finished at the side-front with a cabochon. The second idea is a spray of gold gauze roses attached above the left ear.

For the grande dame, the important dresses are most elaborate—no longer beaded but encrusted with sequins so heavily that nothing of the underlying fabric is seen.

"These robes of metal are worth fifty guineas, and are a burden to the wearer. But they are very smart."

## "La Petite Chaise."

The newest restaurant just opened in Paris is called "La Petite Chaise." It is in the Rue de Grenelle, in the Faubourg Saint Germain, and Mistinguett was present at its opening.

The name is derived from an historic chair presented in 1680 by none less than Louis XIV., who had dined there with a few courtiers.

Every effort has been made to preserve the seventeenth-century feeling of the ancient inn.

The food is of a very high order, and there are no jazz or black musicians. The manager is an American, Eugene Schoerdt.

## A Bishop's Anecdote.

Not long ago the Rev. "Dick" Sheppard made a broadcast appeal against laughing at jokes about drunkenness. The Bishop of Stepney, however, does not think they need be ruled out.

He told the Bournemouth Rotary Club about a woman "rather the worse" who got into a Watch Night service. The vicar asked a churchwarden if he could persuade her to go out. The churchwarden went to her, said something, and immediately she followed him to the door.

"What did you say to her?" asked the vicar afterwards. "I said, 'Come and have another,'" said the church warden's reply.

To-day there are as many beauty parlours to the square inch in Berlin as there are in New York.

The smart hotels which sponsor afternoon dances never lack a crowd of chic women, dressed in the world's uniform of fashion. They dance the modern steps, though it must be admitted they usually arrive here a year late.

## Pillion Girls, Too.

The modish German woman has her flaxen locks shorn, her eyes blacked with mascara, and a figure so thin that all the older scientists are shaking their heads.

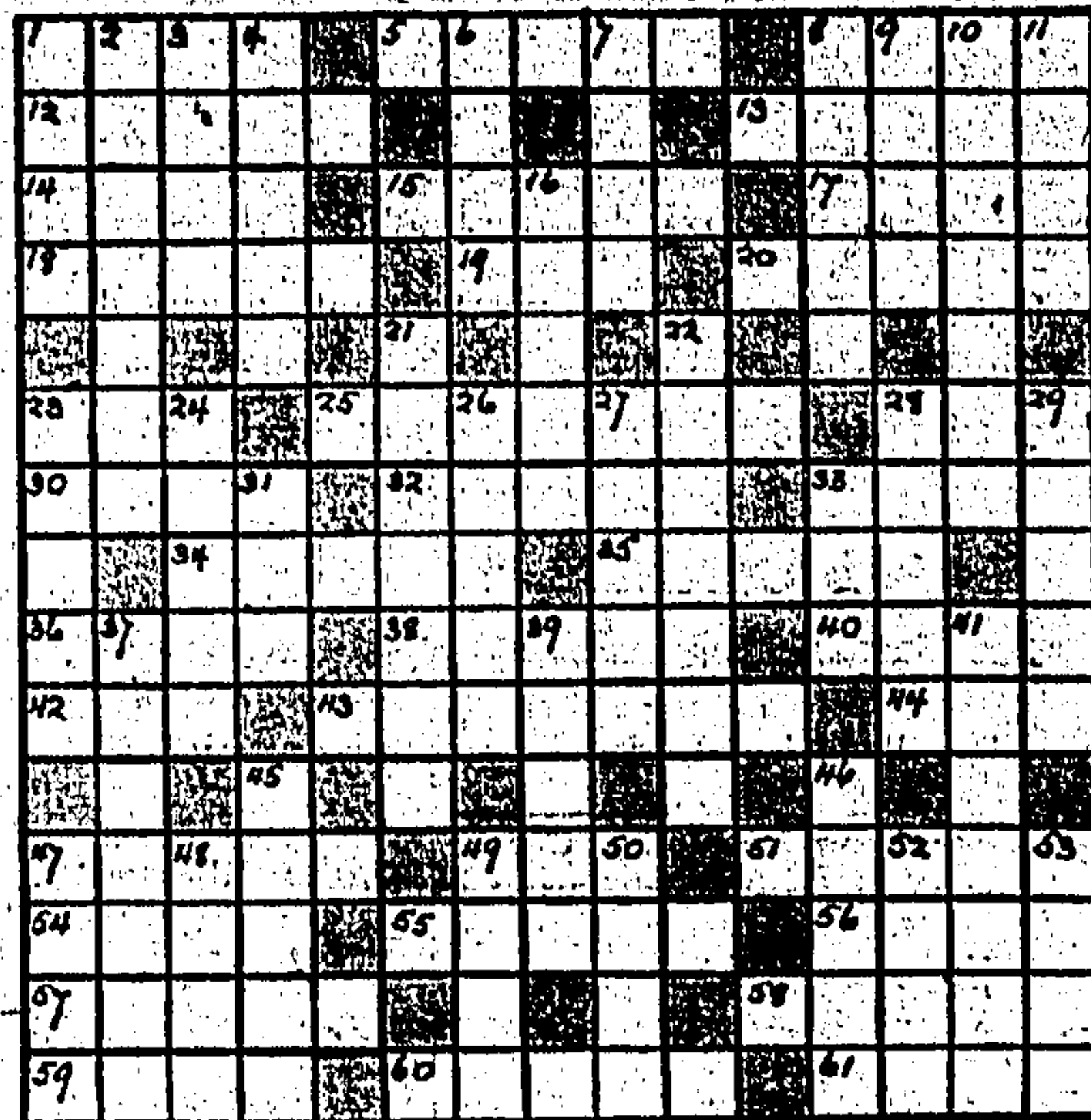
German women drive their own cars with the same daring as their American sisters. Motor-cycles are driven just as often by women as by men, and girls go pillion riding.

Skating, of course, is always popular, and modern gymnastics—often taken in the nude—help the German woman keep in trim for the straight-lift fashions. A woman's football team will be sent from here to play a feminine Parisian eleven this winter.

Practically all this sport activity among women has sprung up since the war.

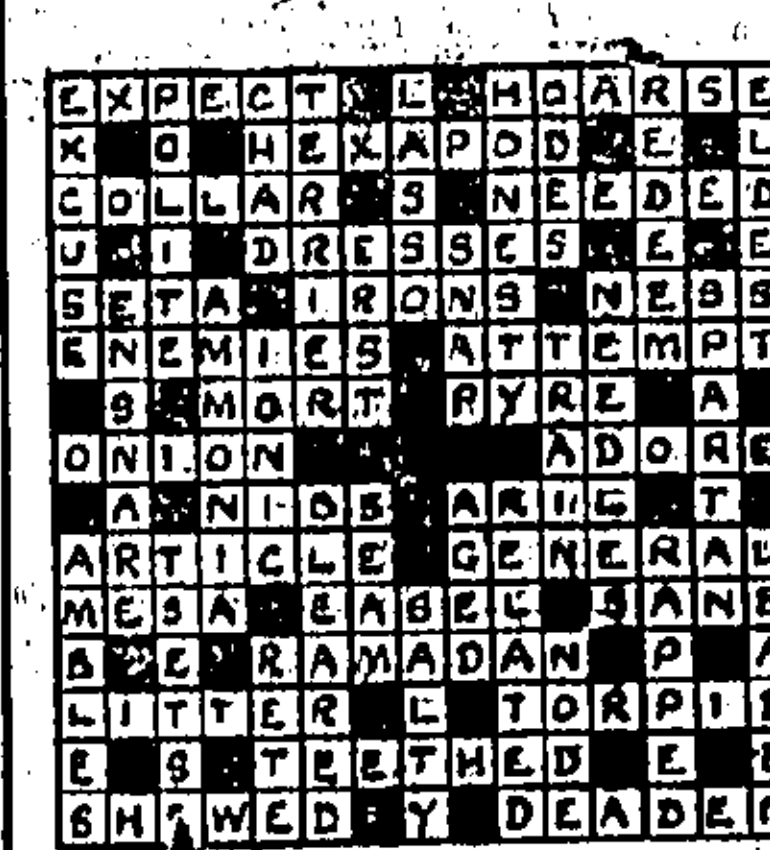
Women smoke in public in all German cities. In fact there are probably more women smokers here than in America.

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across:
- 1 Stopped.
  - 2 Unsound.
  - 3 Inter.
  - 4 Competitor.
  - 5 Part of a calyx.
  - 6 Enchanting region.
  - 7 Bottomless gulf.
  - 8 Bile suddenly.
  - 9 Musical sounds.
  - 10 In addition.
  - 11 Phial.
  - 12 Pertaining to it.
  - 13 Crossed by a ferry.
  - 14 Employ.
  - 15 Spots.
  - 16 Indian ursine-quadruped.
  - 17 Emma.
  - 18 Dress protector.
  - 19 Decree.
  - 20 Mixture.
  - 21 Kingly.
  - 22 Novice.
  - 23 Part of the foot.
  - 24 Robber.
  - 25 Twist round.
  - 26 Christmas song.
  - 27 Obtain.
  - 28 Goes without food.
  - 29 Person's deace.
  - 30 Ornaments.
  - 31 Sticky substance.
  - 32 Permit.
  - 33 Acquire knowledge.
  - 34 Situation.
  - 35 Tinged.
- Down:
- 1 Allowance for waste.
  - 2 Italian entertainment.
  - 3 Recast for baking.
  - 4 Inhabitants of Denmark.
  - 5 Gem.
  - 6 Gusto.

## Saturday's Puzzle.



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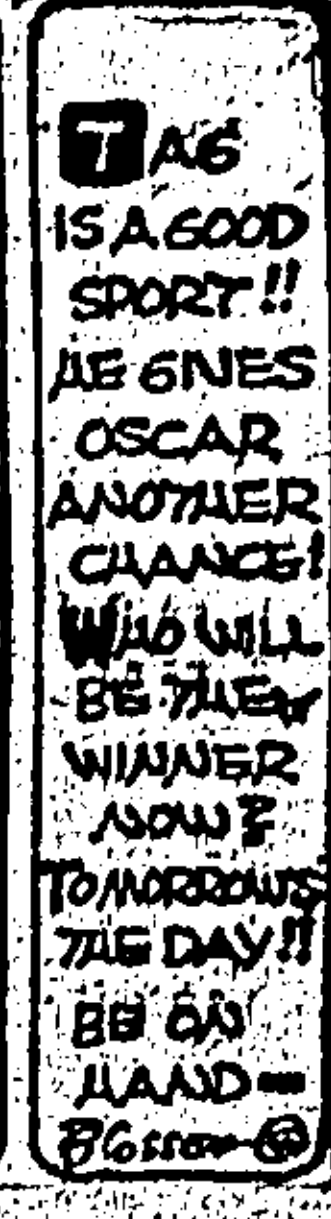
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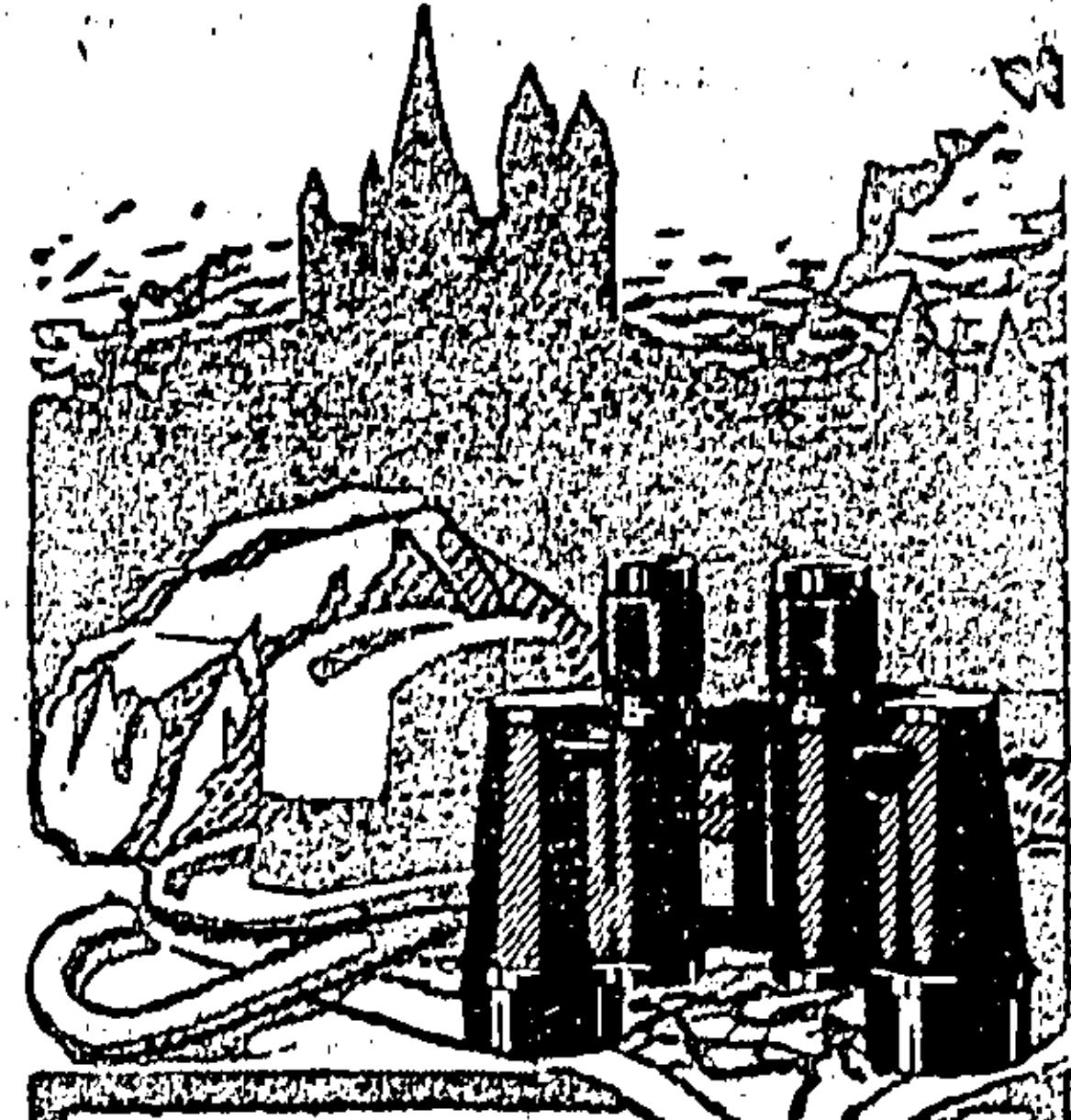
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1928.

KOWLOON MATTERS.

It is apparent from the annual report of the Kowloon Residents' Association that that body continues to perform a most useful function in watching the interests of the general community on the other side of the harbour. For eight years now, the Association has persevered in its efforts to preserve the amenities of the peninsula, and it can look back on a record of which it has every reason to feel proud. The past year, we are told, has been one of quiet endeavour. That is largely so because the policy of strict economy followed by the Government has restricted municipal expansion, and, in such circumstances, the Association obviously could not hope to get the authorities to push on with schemes of improvement which in more normal times would be expedited. All the same, it only needs a glance through the Association's report to show that its officials have done a very great deal, even on relatively minor matters, for the public benefit.

On looking through the report, however, we must admit having been somewhat surprised at the evidence to be found therein of a rather lukewarm attitude on the part of the Government when representations have been made on various subjects. In quite a number of instances, there has been prolonged delay in answering the Association's letters, whilst in some cases there has been no reply at all, excepting the customary formal letter of acknowledgment. If we take the matter of the suggested improvement of the public pier, we find that the Association made representations as long ago as August last, but, nothing having been heard on the subject from the Government, another communication was sent in on January 9th, to which the only answer so far received is that the matter is receiving consideration. Yet in the meantime the Government has begun work on the pier, and has not even intimated to the Association the nature of the scheme it has in hand. (Incidentally, we are in full accord with the Association when it pleads for a new pier, of much larger dimensions, in preference to any idea of patching up the existing structure). Then take the question of the suggested improvement to the

Ferry approach, and the opportunity provided, after last year's typhoon, to widen Salisbury Road. The Association's reasonable and common-sense recommendations on this matter have apparently been completely ignored. We mention these points in support of our fears that the Government does not pay as much heed as it might to an Association which voluntarily undertakes to keep an eye on Kowloon matters, with the sole aim of serving the public. In the absence of any Kowloon member on the Legislative Council, the Association should be regarded as the mouthpiece of Kowloon residents. It has always sought to work in the closest and most harmonious relations with the authorities, and in the past the value of its activities has been officially acknowledged. We should therefore like to feel that the Government still assesses its efforts at their real worth.

There are many subjects dealt with in the report which might be commented upon, but we will content ourselves with hoping that the Association's reminders in regard to street lighting and children's playgrounds, will, in particular, receive early attention. On the latter question, the present ground is far too small, to say nothing of its rather unsatisfactory location. There is, indeed, need for several small playing-plots in various parts of the peninsula. The reference in the report to cemetery matters also suggests the necessity for a European burial ground in Kowloon. Much excellent work has been done by the Association in regard to the transportation question, resulting in increased travelling facilities for the public, and we should like to join in the tribute which is paid to the motor-bus companies for the sympathetic spirit which they have always displayed when suggestions for improvements have been made to them.

#### War Films.

The controversy aroused at Home consequent upon a private exhibition of the new British film, "Dawn", will bring about one of two things, the prohibition of its production, or, far more unfortunate, enhance its value threefold. The film purports to reconstruct the story of Nurse Edith Cavell, a beautiful story from the viewpoint of the British patriot, and therefore embodying considerable elements of danger. In justification, it is urged that the underlying theme is designed to emphasise the horrors of war, but if the charges laid are correct, that it departs from historical accuracy, and may tend to revive bitter memories of the holocaust of the European War, then the producers have been totally illogical. We have reached the stage where we refer to the German nation as our former enemies; our immediate aim is to forget we ever were enemies, and any picture, however pictorially perfect, should be banned if there is the least likelihood of again rousing national feeling. The horrors of war were sufficiently impressed upon us during the War. Film producers who take upon themselves the role of preachers of this gospel are endeavouring to convert the converted, or are exercising their talents upon the unconvertible. We strongly support the view of the Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, when he says he feels the strongest repugnance to its production. Frankly, we think the public has had a surfeit of war films, particularly of this type. "The Battle of Jutland" could be seen at any time without cavil because it depicts history, unemotionally, but "The Big Parade" and pictures of a similar type have had their day. We all have our national pride, but stressing national heroes and conveying a sneer at the other fellow, has a very bad effect in countries alien to the makers. If the British film industry is to prosper, as we trust it will, it is quite easy to concentrate on the type of film with a universal appeal, and to discard insularity. In naming his picture "Dawn", Mr. Wilcox has been inappropriate. In dawn we visualise the sun rising on a new and wonderful day, the night forgotten, its bad dreams unremembered. Only the morbid hunts for the dream-book and tries to reconstruct events for so-called edification.

#### DAY BY DAY.

IT IS BETTER TO COMMIT A THOUSAND INDISCRETIONS ONESELF THAN TO GIVE UTTERANCE TO ONE CALUMNY AGAINST OTHERS.—GONZA DE PALAJOS.

A coolie was found hanging in Kowloon Godown near the timber yard on Saturday last. His body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

Fifty yards of flowered silk, to the value of \$60, are reported stolen from a showcase in the Cheung Chong piccadilly shop, of Wing On Street.

Messrs. Ellis and Edgar have issued an interesting booklet showing the highest and lowest quotations of local and other stocks in the Hongkong Stock Exchange list.

Mr. F. Goodwin has been appointed acting Engineer and Manager of the Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd., with power of attorney during the absence on leave of Mr. L. J. Blackburn.

A report has been made to the police by the chauffeur of car No. 91 to the effect that a travelling rug, valued at \$12, was stolen on Saturday night from car No. 144 which was left unattended near Possession Street.

Friends of Mr. Boris Pasco, of Messrs. Brewer and Company, who sustained a bad break at the lower part of the shin while playing football on Saturday, will be pleased to learn that he is a little better this morning.

Whilst assisting to lower the gangway, a Chinese, 48 years of age, fell from the boat deck to the upper deck of the s.s. Tampo. He was sent to the Kowloon Hospital with serious injuries, but died shortly after admission.

A coolie was removed to the Kowloon Hospital when he fell from a height of thirty feet from the side of the Empress of Australia on to the wharf of the Godown Company. He was engaged in painting the side of the vessel. The coolie died shortly after admission to hospital.

The Chinese papers in Shanghai report that friction exists between the strike-breakers still in the employ of the B.A.T. and men who returned after the settlement, those from the Union tormenting the former. The latter have stated that they will resort to violence if the others continue their tactics.

The Emperor of Japan has conferred upon the Rt. Rev. Herbert Welch, Bishop of the Japan-Korea Diocese of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Third Class Order of Merit and the Cordons of the Sacred Treasure. Bishop Welch has been in Japan for the past 12 years.

The President of the Kowloon Residents Association asks us to announce that, if any interested resident has not received the annual report, and would like one, a request to that effect made to: Mr. W. J. Stokes, 67, Des Voeux Road, Central, (Tel. C.3550) or Mr. C. M. Manners, H.K. & Kowloon Godown Co., (Tel. K.) will have prompt attention.

Major R. Dane, son of Sir Richard Dane, G.C.I.E., a former famous Director of the Salt Gabelle, has just returned to Shanghai leave. Major Dane himself is in the Salt Gabelle and is about to leave for Peking. He was welcomed back at a dinner given by Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance in the Nanking Government, and Mr. F. S. Chen, Director of the Salt Gabelle in these provinces, at the Majestic Hotel. Major Dane is accompanied by his wife.

#### EXCHANGE RATES.

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| London, Feb. 12. |          |
| Paris            | 124      |
| Brussels         | 85.00%   |
| Amsterdam        | 12.10%   |
| Berlin           | 20.44%   |
| Copenhagen       | 18.20%   |
| Vienna           | 34.63%   |
| Helsingfors      | 103%     |
| Leban            | 26/10    |
| Bucharest        | 104      |
| New York         | 487/10/2 |
| Geneva           | 25.33%   |
| Milan            | 82.04%   |
| Stockholm        | 18.15%   |
| Oslo             | 18.81    |
| Prague           | 104%     |
| Madrid           | 28.69    |
| Athens           | 808      |
| Rio              | 550/04   |
| Buenos Aires     | 47/15/10 |
| Hongkong         | 2/0%     |
| Bombay           | 15/15/10 |
| Yokohama         | 1/11/10  |
| Shanghai         | 26/1/3   |
| Silver (spot)    | 20%      |
| Silver (forward) | 26.3/15  |

—British Wireless.

#### THE STAGE OF TO-DAY.

MONEY THAT GOES TO AMERICA.

(By Edgar Wallace.)

I read the other day, in that most admirable column edited by the theatrical correspondent of the Morning Post, that something like £150,000 per annum free of income tax goes out of this country in the shape of fees to American theatrical managers. If this sum represented authors' fees, I might turn renegade and say "Good luck!" to my fellow members of the American League of Authors, but only a very modest proportion of this sum goes to the author and composer. (In the case of "Able's Irish Rose" the author and manager lived under the same expensive millinery.)

#### American Profits.

When I said some time ago that sixty per cent. of the profits on an English presentation went to the American owners, I was taken to task for my "extravagance," but that fact is now common property. Forty and fifty are very usual percentages, and I know one play where seventy-five per cent. was asked with the utmost coolness. These comments of mine were represented by certain unscrupulous correspondents of the American press as constituting an attack upon American plays. They were, of course, nothing of the sort. I was merely pointing out that managers have got out of the habit of "cutting out" plays for themselves, and were buying "ready-to-wear" productions in America in spite of the fact that a third of the failures on the West End stage during the past year have been American in origin.

Here is the fact that cannot be controverted. London managers ship over £150,000 per annum to New York—of which sum at least £120,000 ought never to leave England if an effort was made to bring along new writers and composers. To say that I am attacking either American plays or such men as Sir Alfred Butt and Messrs. Clayton and Walker is absurd. They are engaged in the perfectly legitimate and praiseworthy business of finding profits for shareholders. Only I wish that our own writing and musical talent could contribute more definitely to that profit-making.

#### A Word of Advice.

The fees charged by American managements are exorbitant, and our theatrical correspondent tells us that an attempt is to be made to bring these prices down. I can help with a word of advice. Let the managers concerned join in producing one big musical play success a year in this country. It would need only that to bring American prices down with a rush. The market would be closed to at least one Broadway "wow," and that would have a very considerable effect upon the question of fees.

The proof of that is to be found in the chain of successes there has been in English-written "mystery" plays. Some of the fees asked for these two years ago were extraordinary. To-day they can be had for fees which I would describe as reasonable. But most managers are fighting shy of this type of production, because they know that the home-bred author can give them something better at a smaller cost.

#### TRIPS TO BAGDAD.

CITY OF ARABIAN NIGHTS  
GROWING POPULAR.

"All aboard for Bagdad." This call may yet be included in the repertoire of London's porters. There is an increasing tourist business being done with Iraq.

Cotton merchants from Lancashire go to have a look at Iraq's cotton: professors take their little apes to delve amongst the ruins of Ur, on the off-chance of picking up a few stray beads or bodices; romantic ladies set out hoping to be appropriated by a Desert Sheikh, and simple travellers take the road to Bagdad for the sake of an interesting journey, through some of the oldest historical places of the world.

Intending tourists must now, however, have their passports vided by the Irak Diplomatic Agent—who has an office at 51, Queen's-gate-gardens, S.W. 7—instead of by a British Consul.

There is a variety of routes—air and rail, sea and motor, road and camel, and any number of combinations of these methods.

By second-class train and boat and one honest motor-car proprietor at the other end, it is possible to get to Bagdad for about £30.

#### TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2/ 3/16.  
Lighting-up 6.19 p.m.

## The Very Idea!

A golfer of no great skill drove his ball into the famous "Hell" bunker on the St. Andrews course. "You're in Hell the noon," said the caddy, amiably, "and once you're in you'll no get out."

"Will I no?" returned the player, and with a brave sweep lifted his ball out of the sandy abyss and on to the green.

"Awful, sir," said the astonished caddy, "a I can say is, when you do be sure an' tak' yer neeblick wi' ye!"

A ten-ton boulder crashed down the mountains at Alltown, near Swansen, recently struck a cottage, crashed through a bedroom in which three children were asleep—and did not even awaken them.

Four rooms in the cottage were wrecked, but not one of the twelve occupants—a miner named Jenkins, his wife, and ten children—was injured.

The noise of the boulder striking the cottage was heard at a considerable distance. Neighbours who rushed to rescue the family found that the cottage was almost destroyed and the furniture smashed to match-wood.

An elderly man who was fined at Old-street for drunkenness was found in the afternoon lying on the pavement in Whitechapel-road with his trousers and boots off and a bottle of port by his side.

Norwich man: I am not one of the unemployed, I am out of work. If I were "unemployed" I should have the dole.

Reveller at Highgate: I had not so much to drink as would under normal conditions stop me from reaching home safely, but the slippery roads let me down.

Kingston offender: I never had a chance to use bad language, for my arms were tied behind my back.

Schoolboy howlers: Leges utiles hominibus sunt.—Leges are useful to men.

Fulminantis magna manus Iovis.—The thundering big hand of Jove.

J'ai hate de l'embrasser.—I hate to embrace her.

Genae pulchre formosae sunt.—Beautiful girls are cheeky.

Emporte par la colère.—Carried off by the collar.

Average means something that hens lay their eggs on.

Algebraical symbols are used when you don't know what you are talking about.

The mechanical advantage of a long pump-handle is that you can have someone to help you pump.

A "non-com" who had recently to drill into shape a dozen of the rawest of raw recruits, must have felt a good deal embarrassed by the unexpected turn which things often took.

The first morning, having marched the men to the drilling ground, he proceeded with the customary business.

"Eyes right," sounded from the sergeant's husky throat.

"So's I," came back at once from a dozen or so recruits; and business had to be suspended.

It is something to be even a musician—Sir Thomas Beecham. I cannot believe we shall ever again see the pound sterling purchasing what it did in those happy days of 1913.—Mr. L. E. Ryones.

Undergraduates ought not, except in special circumstances, to be given a cash allowance of more than £300 a year.—The Master of Balliol.

It is unfortunately, still the general impression that a boy's school life should end when he reaches the age of 18 years.—Major John Huck.

A list of rules governing the scholars at the Robert Smith School at Danville, Indiana, bearing the date of 1816, is now in the possession of Mrs. A. J. Wilson, a local resident, who vouches for its authenticity. It reads as follows:

1. As you come to school, take your seat and keep it.  
2. For swearing you shall have ten lashes.  
3. For lying ten lashes.  
4. For stealing, ten lashes.  
5. For tearing books, ten lashes.  
6. For misspelling, eight lashes.  
7. For nicknaming, eight lashes.  
8. For telling tales without proof five lashes.

"The amusing group, the Death of Nelson," is priced forty-eight dollars. (A Chicago sale catalogue.)

It is advertised that the annual general meeting of members of the Hongkong Automobile Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, February 22, at 5.30 p.m.



TAX EXTORTION IN  
TIENSIN.SO-CALLED ANTI-RED  
DEMANDS.ONE WEEK ALLOWED FOR  
PAYMENT.

## FOREIGNERS "MILKED."

In connexion with the attempt in Tientsin on the part of the Chinese administration of the Three Special Areas, formerly the German, Austrian and Russian Concessions, to extort funds from residents in those areas, the following copy of a circular letter received by an important British firm, which has its offices in one of the Special Areas, is of interest:

Tientsin, Jan. 23, 1928.

Messrs.—

Present.

Dear Sirs,  
By order of the Government of Chihli Province all house owners of the Three Special Areas, both Chinese and foreigners, are invited to pay within one week from the date of this letter, a Special Anti-Red Tax, calculated proportionately to their Rental Assessment Tax paid for last year.

By informing you of the above I beg to approach you with the request kindly to pay the above-mentioned Special Tax according to the enclosed debit-note with the least possible delay.

Yours faithfully,  
Signed: K. C. Meng,  
Commissioner.

## Breach of the Rules.

The Special Anti-Red Tax in question amounts to about two-and-a-half times the ordinary Rental Assessment Tax, the latter in its turn having been raised last year by about 12 per cent. as against the year 1926.

It appears that according to the rules governing the levying of taxes in special areas at Tientsin the present Chinese administration may collect them at the rate ruling at the time when the concessions were handed over to the Chinese. Furthermore, all the money thus collected was to be applied for the sole and only purpose of maintaining and developing these areas and was on no account to be used for any other purpose, to say nothing of being diverted into the coffers of politicians and militarists.

## Long Suffering Residents.

This last move on the part of the Chinese administration is regarded as nothing but a fresh attempt to extort money, by fair means or foul, from the long-suffering residents.

A few months ago a Special Meat-Tax was imposed in the "3rd Special Area" (ex-Russian Concession) allegedly to defray the cost of sanitary supervision. The tax is still in force, causing much inconvenience and annoyance to residents, among whom there is a fair proportion of British and American business men. So far the whole scheme of the Chinese authorities concerned has apparently not progressed beyond the tax-collecting stage, for there is no proper sanitary supervision in evidence as yet.

## Little Service in Return.

The situation with regard to extortion is not much better in the ex-German concession where residents are frequently obliged to pay under various pretexts all sorts and manner of fees over and above the Rental Assessment Tax, while the concession itself, in which the former council took so much pride, is now in a pretty run-down condition.

A flagrant example of neglect was furnished by the recent heavy snow-fall in Tientsin. While snow was still falling gangs of coolies were already to be seen busily engaged in clearing it away from the main thoroughfare in the concessions under foreign administration, whereas in the ex-German concession apparently not a stroke of work has been done so far, and Woodrow Wilson Street, which constantly carries a heavy motor car and ricksha traffic, now presents the appearance of a sort of ice rink, to the danger of life of passer and pedestrian alike. Yet the Chinese administration collects in this area a large amount in taxes and other kinds of revenue.

## ADRIFT ON ICEFLOES.

RUSSIAN FISHERMEN IN  
SERIOUS PERIL.

Moscow, Feb. 12.  
The icebreaker Lenin hurriedly left Leningrad for the Gulf of Finland to rescue 400 fishermen who had been carried out to sea on icefloes which became detached from the Cronstadt coast in a storm.—*Reuter*.

VOLCANIC ISLAND  
APPEARS.SUBMARINE EXPLOSION OFF  
KRAKATSU.

## MORE DISTURBANCES?

Batavia, Jan. 30.  
The Straits of Sunda gave birth to an island on January 27.

The event was witnessed from the Dutch Government vessel which has been standing by the submarine explosions. The earth of her travel has, by process of plutonic ejection under water, raised a cone on the ocean's bed similar to the many volcanic cones which have been raised in ages past in this part of the globe and now appear as land mountain cones rising with the help of successive eruptions, to as much as 12,000 feet above present sea level.

This is only a little baby at present and its head has appeared to-day above the 40 fathoms where its birth took place. So it is christened an island, but it has a very bald head and many years must elapse before the wind, the currents and the birds bring to it that which will take seed and ultimately clothe it in verdure.

The Dutch newspapers in Java have been giving much attention to this disturbance, some papers devoting a whole page to the subject, and because of its proximity to the island, Krakatau, it has been thought that the titanic eruption of 1883 may repeat itself.

It is somewhat of a misnomer to call the present disturbance Krakatau, for that island which has now no pretensions to a crater and cannot be called a volcano, is looking on some distance off entirely unaffected. How high the new cone may be thrown up remains to be seen. A tidal wave is not to be expected.

TWO PICKPOCKETS  
FINED.THEFT OF SPECTACLES AND  
POUCH.

Two Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged separately with picking the pockets of pedestrians in Shanghai Street, Yaumatei.

The first prisoner was charged with stealing a pair of spectacles from a pedestrian. It was stated that the defendant was seen to extract the glasses by a District Watchman. The complainant was not aware that he had been robbed until informed by the watchman.

When asked the value of the spectacles, his Worship was informed by the police that they were worth about \$1, but, after examination, Mr. Schofield intimated that they appeared to be worth more than that sum.

When questioned, however, the complainant said that he had purchased the glasses for 35 cents.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

In the second case, the defendant was charged with the larceny of a pouch. The circumstances were stated to be similar to those of the previous case, and his Worship imposed sentence of two months' hard labour.

FINED FOR COAL  
POSSESSION.FISHERMEN IN COURT AT  
KOWLOON.

A charge of being in unlawful possession of 6,219 pounds of coal, was brought against two fishermen, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendants pleaded that they had salvaged the coal from the bottom of the harbour.

It was stated that the coal, worth \$45, was found on the first defendant's fishing boat, and, in reply to the police, he said that he got the coal from a steamer, but was unable to find the ship or give the police any further information as to the identity of the vessel.

The second defendant was said to be a fowl.

His Worship fined the first defendant \$75, and the second \$25.

Washington, Feb. 12.  
The Navy Department understands that General Sandino has fled into Honduras. It is believed that he ran out of ammunition.

Mr. Borah, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on the basis of a report that Sandino obtained rifles from Nicaraguans who failed to surrender them, and not from outside sympathisers, is of the opinion that the outlook is excellent.

Twelve Americans and 156 Nicaraguans have been killed since hostilities began.—*Reuter*.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN  
QUESTION.A PLEA FOR RELIGIOUS  
FREEDOM.

## NANKING PROPOSAL.

A proposal that religious freedom be decreed throughout Nationalist territory was put before the Nationalist Conference at Nanking during the session, but was handed over to a special committee for consideration.

The proposal was advanced by General Chang Tze-chiang, member of the Central Government Committee, and General New Yung-chien, Chairman of the Kiangsu Provincial Government. A translation reads:

## Christianity Not Imperialism.

"Religious liberty has been recognized by every country in this world. Since the Communists began their propaganda in China and made trouble for the Chinese Government, birth has been given to slogans to overthrow certain religions and particularly Christianity. We know that a reformed religion, which is entirely different from the Greek Church in Russia. This religion includes revolutionary ideas. Furthermore it puts particular stress on the salvation of the lower classes of people in the midst of sufferings. It has no real connection with imperialism.

"The Communists are not unaware of these facts, but they are opposed to Christianity because the Christian religion aims at reforming the inner life, which aim is entirely contradictory to their purpose—to destroy all existing moral values.

"As the purification of our Kuomintang Party is now in progress, and as more recently a further step has been taken to purge our movement from all elements of Communism, such slogans as 'Down the Christianity and other religions' initiated by the Communists, should be discussed and abolished at as early a date as possible, in order to be in keeping with honest belief in the religion of our leader, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, during his lifetime.

"Not only the slogans of 'Down with Christianity,' but all similar slogans attacking other religions, should be simultaneously abolished."

## THE LORDLY EXILE.

M. TROTSKY TRAVELS IN  
STATE.

Moscow, Feb. 12.  
The exiled M. Trotsky and his family have arrived at Frunze.

The official account states that Trotsky travelled in a special sleeping car in "lordly comfort." He had 70 items of luggage, including a hunting dog and considerable hunting equipment. Some of the onlookers at the Railway Station queried, "Who is this rich gentleman?" They surmised that it was some American millionaire.—*Reuter*.

## FROM URUGUAY.

SPECIAL MISSION TO RETURN  
PRINCE'S VISIT.

London, Feb. 11.  
The Uruguayan special mission, to return the recent visit of the Prince of Wales to that country, arrived at Victoria from Calais last evening.

The party was met by representatives of the King and the Foreign Office. The mission is being received by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day.—*British Wireless*.

## DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

10 KILLED IN DIASTER IN  
GERMAN MINE.

Berlin, Feb. 12.  
A report from Stalino, in the Donetz coal basin, states that 10 were killed and four seriously injured in the explosion of a box of dynamite in the Rostchenko mine, worked by the German Tlesien Company.—*Reuter*.

## FRENCH TARIFFS.

## DUTIES ON OILS TOO HIGH.

Paris, Feb. 11.  
The Finance Committee of the Chamber has expressed the opinion that the proposed duty on oils should be reduced by twelve francs per ton.—*Reuter*.

[These duties, as cited by *Reuter* in December, were—\$9.98 francs per metric quintal of crude oil, and 18.80 francs per hundred kilos of refined oil.]

SHANGHAI AMERICAN'S  
ESTATE.TO GO TO ADOPTED CHINESE  
YOUTH.

Recollections of the last will and testament of an American who died last July and left a large estate to his adopted son, a Chinese child, were revived in the American Court for China in Shanghai last week, when a motion for the admission of the will to probate was heard by Judge Milton D. Purdy. Mr. C. S. Franklin, attorney for the estate, was instructed to prepare the order and the will is to be admitted to probate.

This was previously objected to by a sister and niece of the late American, who was Mr. Robert Wolfson Sexton. The sister, Mrs. Mary Dailey, and her daughter, Miss Eileen A. Dailey, both of Denver, Colorado, objected to the terms of the will on the ground that a house and lot in Denver, owned by Mr. Sexton and bequeathed to this adopted son, had been granted to them by the deceased.

Under the terms of the will, Mr. Sexton left all of his estate, personal, real and mixed, valued in all at about \$75,000, to the adopted boy, who had been given the name of James Logan Sexton, 11 years of age, to be held in trust for him until he attains his majority. The will instructed the executor and trustee, the Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd., to convert into cash, place at interest and hold in trust for the boy the entire estate.

Following the receipt of instructions from Mrs. Dailey and her daughter, Major C. P. Holcomb, Shanghai attorney for the couple, objected to the will being admitted to probate.

The matter was settled recently, however, when a stipulation was made by which Mrs. Dailey is to be given a life estate in the Denver property. In the event of her death before that of her daughter, the daughter is to be allowed to occupy the premises for two months after her mother's death.

The estate is to pay for any necessary repairs to the property and to pay all taxes and other expenses usually met by landlords.

## BANVARD COMPANY.

A PACKED HOUSE ON  
SATURDAY.

The Theatre Royal was packed on Saturday night, when the Banvard Musical Comedy Company gave a repeat performance of the London success, "Mercenary Mary."

The piece went with a fine swing, and its many humorous situations caused intense amusement. In this connexion, the work of Mr. Frank Atkinson was especially good—he was droll and funny in all that he did. Others who deserve special mention were Miss Winifred Dalle in the title role, Miss Claire Leslie, and Mr. William Senior. A word should also be said of the dancing, especially of a very fine solo effort by one of the girls, who was the recipient of a bouquet at the close of the performance.

To-night, "The Black Bottom Revue" is to be the attraction, and it will include the Totem Pole dance from "Rose Marie." The "Black Bottom Revue" proved the most popular item in the Company's repertoire in India and there appears to be every reason to expect that Hongkong will endorse that opinion.

## A FUNNY FILM.

"TWO ARABIAN KNIGHTS"  
AT THE QUEEN'S.

The "Full House" sign was much in evidence at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, when the first showings of "Two Arabian Knights" were given. There were packed houses at each session.

"Two Arabian Knights" is certainly a laughter-maker. It concerns the experiences of an American Expeditionary Army sergeant and a private, who escape from a German prison camp and eventually find themselves in Arabia. Both there and whilst on the way, they get into all manner of complications, notably in connexion with the rescue from drowning of an Arabian girl of rank and the subsequent romance which develops therefrom. There are thrills besides amusement as the story develops, and the acting throughout is especially good, the leading parts being taken by William Boyd, Mary Astor and Louis Wolheim. The photography, too, is excellent.

Those who like a good hearty laugh should see "Two Arabian Knights" to-day or to-morrow.

MORE COMMUNIST  
PROPAGANDA.EXTERMINATION OF LAND-  
OWNERS ADVOCATED.

## CHEKIANG AGITATION.

In the labour world at Kashing, in Chekiang Province, something has been started which seems hard to stop. Like a goods car left on a sidetrack—engine gone elsewhere—all the yard coolies and extra pick-up idlers shout, push and pull to get into position. At last started again the car, without a brakeman rolls along too far and more shouting, more pulling and more pushing are required.

Farm labour, by contract for a year or called by the day, has increased in cost beyond the margin of profit to employers. Tenants of small farms who have failed to pay rents are refusing to move, sustained at times and in certain places by the so-called Farmer Unions.

Propaganda in rural districts has slipped into mutterings to this effect:—"No man shall own more than ten mow of land"; also, "Owners or employers over 40 years of age must be exterminated in order to secure liberty." The most extreme agitators are reported as saying it would make a real revolution to kill all over 25 years of age.

## An Outbreak Suppressed.

An outbreak near Fungching on the railway where Chekiang borders Kiangsu, was quickly suppressed by soldiers rounding up and arresting the trouble-makers. The principal leader escaped, but two others were caught and executed. One of these about 18 years old was reported to have killed eight landowners with an automatic found on his person.

The much talked of general uprising throughout Chekiang province, lacking cohesion and adequate leadership, failed to come off. The common sense of the Chinese people is reasserting itself in efforts to normalcy. The trains and boats are crowded again with passengers returning to work after the holidays. Schools are opening on and after the middle of the first moon with implicit warnings to students to behave themselves. Business advertisements are taking the place of worn and weather-beaten propaganda posters. A friendly foreigner can renew the old and make new friendships, easily. The Chinese people are very, very human.

## WELCOMED HOME.

PRESIDENT COSGRAVE BACK  
FROM AMERICA.

Dublin, Feb. 12.  
President Cosgrave has returned from the United States and was given an unprecedented reception by an enormous crowd. A military guard was drawn up in his honour, with an Army Band, while a salute of nineteen guns was fired.

All members of the Cabinet and several Municipal representatives boarded the mail boat and welcomed President Cosgrave. A procession including the Police, Military and Fire Brigade, with bands, escorted Mr. Cosgrave to the centre of Dublin, which was gaily decorated.

A fireworks display, illuminations, aeroplanes and searchlights were features of this remarkable home-coming.—*Reuter*.

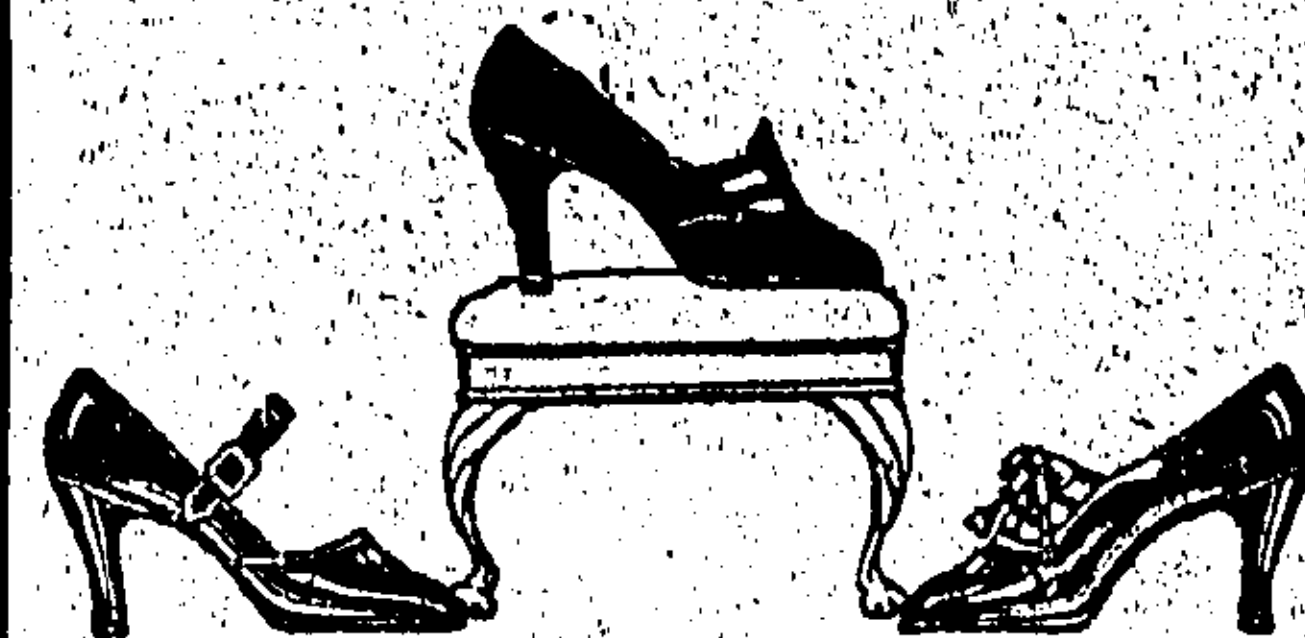
HOW MUCH DO YOU  
KNOW?

## TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 How many persons are secured against penury by the latest Pensions Act?
- 2 What is the capitalised State liability for pensions?
- 3 What is the officially estimated number of cigarettes smoked daily in England?
- 4 In what London church is there still preserved the mummified body of a man?
- 5 What is the estimated value of the hoarded wealth of India?
- 6 Where in Great Britain is there a chimney more than eighty feet higher than St. Paul's Cathedral?
- 7 What remarkable fact regarding last year's rainfall in the Thames Valley has recently been revealed by a famous authority?
- 8 Where has a pottery works dating to a hundred years B.C. just been discovered?
- 9 At what speed does the blood of a healthy person pass through the veins?
- 10 What connexion had the transit of Venus across the sun's disc with the discovery of Australia by Captain Cook?
- 11 When was that discovery made?
- 12 What remarkable development in connexion with aerial navigation has just taken place in America?



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## H.K.F.C. DINNER.

## AN APPEAL TO THE YOUNGER PLAYERS.

The dinner of the Hongkong Football Club, which was held at Lane Crawford's Restaurant on Saturday evening, was a convivial gathering, with an attendance of members and friends to the number of approximately 100. Many speeches were made, stressing the various aspects of the game from the point of view of all sections in the League. Mr. A. T. Hamilton was in the chair, supported by Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, (Captain of the first eleven), McBride, (Vice-Captain), C. D. W. Lee, (Captain of the Rugby XV), T. L. Foster, (Vice-Captain), S. J. Jordan, J. Ralston, C. B. Robertson, D. J. Purves (Hon. Treasurer), H. M. McTavish, (Hon. Secretary), and W. Logan. A number of members of the Shanghai team were also present, together with Presidents and Captains of the League teams, including Comdr. Byron of H. M. S. Tamar (representing the Navy), the Rev. C. Alexander, (representing the Army), Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza, (representing the Club de Recreio), Mr. R. Hall (representing Kowloon F.C.), Mr. H. K. F. C. Lee, (representing the Chinese Club), and Mr. W. E. Holland, (representing the Football Association).

After grace had been said by the Rev. Mr. Alexander, the business of the evening was proceeded with and justice having been done to the good fare provided, the loyal toast was proposed by the Chairman.

Mr. R. Hall then proposed the Club, and dwelt upon the popularity of the game. Played in a back street or a field, it appealed to both players and spectators. Both classes in Hongkong owed gratitude to the Hongkong Football Club, which organization had both in the past and present put brain and brawn into the game, thus ensuring its success.

Chairman's Speech. The reply was made by the Chairman who said: "Gentlemen, I must apologize to you for the absence of our worthy President, Mr. F. C. Hall, who is unable to be with us to-night. Also I regret very much to announce that our Vice-President, Mr. G. M. Shaw, is in hospital and I am sure you all wish him a very speedy recovery."

It is a great pleasure to me to preside over such a large and representative gathering and I am particularly pleased to see so many visitors with us, to whom I give a most cordial welcome. It is very gratifying to have with us the President of the Kowloon Football Club and I must thank him for the very interesting manner in which he proposed the toast of the club. He has been most generous in his remarks.

I see from the programme before me that this is the Annual Dinner of the H. K. F. C. I don't know why we call it the Annual Dinner as the last occasion on which a dinner was held was in 1924. There was a time when it really was an annual affair and I should like very much to make it so again.

The Club is now in the 40th year of its existence and must be about one of the oldest sporting bodies in the Colony. The constitution of the club during that long period has remained unchanged. We run our sections as Rugby and Soccer and it has always been our aim to foster both codes. Each section has at different times produced players of whom we are justly proud, and to-day we have on our list of members several names of men who are still in the colony and who in the prime of their youth were "hot stuff" on the football field. To their presence at our matches they give great encouragement to our younger players.

Speaking of the Soccer section I must admit that we have struck a very lean time. Our position is not what it ought to be. Our last success in the Shield competition was in 1926 and in 1929 when we won the League. I look to the younger players to alter this state of affairs. We cannot always depend on our Rodgers, Bishops and Stevens to see the team through, and I would like to see more younger men come forward and take the game more seriously. I am quite sure we have the men in the Colony to make this club a force to be reckoned with in the Soccer world.

The Rugby Section. Our Rugby section has also had its "ups and downs". They seem to lie dormant for some time and nothing is heard of them till they waken up with a burst of enthusiasm and startle everybody by achieving something extraordinary. About the middle of December an invitation was received from Shanghai to send up a Rugby team. Our Committee decided to accept the invitation and asked Mr. Wales whether he could get a team together. With his usual modesty he said he would try. Within a month he had a team all fit and ready for the fray, and how well they acquitted themselves in Shanghai we all know. I take this opportunity of congratulating them on their splendid performance, and I assure you those men who went to Shanghai in the interests of Rugby deserve the very highest praise. A few exhibitions of such a nature in Hongkong would do the game an immense amount of good and I only hope that Mr. Wales and his merry men will not rest on their laurels but will see that the Colony has an opportunity of witnessing some rugby matches before the season is out.

Mr. Hall and Gentlemen I thank you once again for the very enthusiastic manner in which you drank the toast of the Hongkong Football Club.

Presentations. The presentation of badges was then proceeded with, subsequent to remarks by Mr. Hamilton, who said that it had been usual in times past to present badges to both Association and Rugby teams. This had been in abeyance for some years, but it had been decided to revive the custom and this evening the awards would be made for those years during which it has lapsed. The badges had usually

## LAWN TENNIS.

## FRENCH TOURING TEAM IN AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, Feb. 11. The French tennis team consisting of Jean Borotra, Boussus and Brugnon beat Australia (represented by Patterson, O'Hara Wood, H. Hopman and J. Crawford) by six matches to three. —*Reuter.*

gone to the Captains of the teams, but a certain departure had now been made, which, he thought, would meet with general commendation. —1924. The awards were as follows.—1924. 25. Association, Mr. A. W. Gorrard; Rugby, Mr. H. R. Forsyth. 1925-26. Association, Mr. G. Rodger; Rugby, Mr. C. P. Lammert. 1926-27. Association, Mr. H. G. Howard; Rugby, No award. 1927-28. Association, Mr. C. W. F. Bishop; Rugby, Mr. C. Wales.

The Chairman, addressing the company assured them that the annual presentation was a custom that would have to be kept up. Mr. W. Logan proposed The Visitors, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. McCubbin, although he thought his doing so was anomalous. Rather than describing these present as visitors, he would prefer to address them as welcome friends to the table, and guests at a festive board. In that there were present representatives from the Navy, Army, Portuguese, Chinese and also from distant Shanghai, he wished them all, universally, the best of health and prosperity in the name of football.

The Three S's. Comdr. Byron, appreciating the honour of the response. As a member of a Service one of the attributes of which was silence, he hoped they would not penalise him by taking a free kick. He congratulated the H. K. F. C. on its capable organization and on behalf of both the Navy and other forces present, thanked them for its hospitality, he had been extended on all occasions. The keen competition which had been shown was good for the game and much could be said for the standard of play. In the matter of speeches he believed in the three S's: Stand Up, Speak Up, Sit Down. Thanking the Club for its hospitality, he proposed to follow the latter injunction.

The Rev. Mr. Alexander proposing "The Teams," pointed out that, generally speaking, the players did not get the credit which was their due. Week after week, he said, the various teams gladly came forward to be butchered for a Roman holiday. They afforded the spectators good sport, but it should be realised that it was much more easy to play the game in the stand than on the field. Spectators should realise that each man on the field was trying to do his best. It was not so easy to play Soccer or Rugby here as it was at home, and there should be some consideration, without too much criticism. A little more backing up by voice and a little less barracking would be of benefit to the game. In proposing "The Teams," he coupled the names of Messrs. Bishop and Wales, captains respectively of the Association and Rugby teams of the H.K.F.C.

The Play for the Rugby side, said there had been many efforts to make the game go and it was only due to the sound basis on which the Soccer Club had been placed that it was possible to form a Rugby section. He thanked those who had shown confidence enough in his team to send them to Shanghai, and he would particularly mention Messrs. Hall, McTavish and Jordan. As a token of such expression, he handed over to the chairman the captured Shanghai flag.

Mr. Bishop responded for the Association side. The Club, he said, had not done as well as could be hoped, but the future held possibilities. They had done all that could be done in maintaining prestige, but with the prevailing depression there was little new blood arriving to help out the old players. "Who is she?" came from the assemblage. No woman ever kept me from playing football, continued the speaker, nor should there be any player who had no flag to present to the Chairman with, but hoped that next year, or the year after, things would be different.

He thanked the team for their regular turn out, resulting in some real sporting games, but with regard to the second eleven the least said is the best. A younger element was needed for support.

Apron Strings. Referring to the earlier remarks made by certain members, it seemed that many of the Community played less robust games because their wives wanted them to. Games like tennis and golf, would give them association with the fair sex, but if this was really necessary, something was decidedly wrong.

All members of the Club should make a point of tackling each new man who came to the Colony. If he played football, he should become a member of the Club and thus the prestige of the Club would be maintained and football in general would be so much better.

Mr. W. E. Holland spoke with reference to the great assistance which had been rendered the Association by the Hongkong Football Club, after which Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza made his tribute on behalf of the Portuguese community.

Mr. H. K. Lee of the South China Athletic Association, for the Chinese made a particularly impressive speech, in which he referred to the co-operation and kindly help that had been received from the Club. He stressed the great advantages of co-operation in the field of sport, which brought the nationalities together and made pleasant and mutually beneficial as had hitherto been the case.

The evening closed with a programme of music, to which Messrs. R. and W. Johnson, Mr. Stone, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. R. M. Keown, Mr. Wolgemuth and the Four B's Quartette (Baldwins, Bishop and Best) contributed.

## SCHOOL SPORTS.

## CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL'S FIELD DAY.

Children of the Central British School held their annual sports at King's Park on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering of parents and friends.

Addressing the gathering at the conclusion of the sports, the Headmaster of the School (Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale), expressed his satisfaction with the results as manifested by the large number of boys and girls participating, and the interest which the meet had for parents and friends of the School. In this connexion, Mr. Nightingale also expressed his appreciation of Mr. Rowell's wonderful powers of organization.

The Headmaster thanked Lt. Col. Robertson for his kindly interest, and also Messrs. Davidson, Field, Jannon, and other friends who had performed the duties of starters, judges, and stewards, and Miss Basecombe for looking after the refreshments. Others to whom thanks were expressed were the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, for preparing the ground; the Hongkong Electric Company, for presenting the Victor Ludorum Cup, and loan of materials; the Club de Recreio, for the loan of chairs; and Mr. Field for the gift of a silver Cup.

Following are the results, with the House to which the participant belonged indicated within brackets:

## High Jump.

Senior.—1, D. Hynes (B); 2, E. Witchell (R); 3, J. Stirling (B). Height, 4 ft. 9 ins.

Junior.—1, B. Bickford (R); 2, R. Wood (R); 3, A. McCubbin (B). Height 3 ft. 11 ins.

## Long Jump.

Senior.—1, L. Marshall (R); 2, J. Stirling (B); 3, J. Smith (R). Distance, 18 ft.

Junior.—1, A. McCubbin (B); 2, B. Bickford (R); 3, G. Eldridge (B). Distance, 13 ft.

## 100 Yds. School Championship.

Senior (Boys).—1, D. Hynes (B); 2, J. McCubbin (R); 3, L. Marshall (R).

Junior (Boys).—1, V. Grunberg (B); 2, A. McCubbin (B); 3, G. Eldridge (B).

Senior (Girls).—1, D. Hamblin (B); 2, M. Bryson (R); 3, V. Lovkovich (B).

Junior (Girls).—1, J. Bates (B); 2, G. Reed (R); 3, P. Russell (B).

Class 6, 100 Yds. Handicap. Boys.—1, J. Upsell (R); 2, A. Moss (B); 3, R. Holden (B).

Girls.—1, B. Redwood (B); 2, D. Raven (B); 3, B. Bone (B).

100 Yds. Handicap. Senior (Boys).—1, L. Marshall (R); 2, D. Hynes (B); 3, E. MacNider (R).

Junior (Boys).—1, V. Grunberg (B); 2, A. Hargraves (B); 3, A. McCubbin (B).

Senior (Girls).—1, D. Hamblin (B); 2, V. Lovkovich (B); 3, A. Horsford (B).

Junior (Girls).—1, J. Bates (B); 2, D. Booker (R); 3, I. Woolley (R).

Sack Race. Senior (Boys).—1, J. Smith; 2, R. Woolley; 3, T. Ingram.

Junior (Boys).—1, A. McCubbin; 2, L. Phillips; 3, B. Phillips.

Senior (Girls).—1, N. Field; 2, V. Lovkovich; 3, K. Chester.

Junior (Girls).—1, G. Reed; 2, D. Tolan; 3, Booker.

100 Yds. Skipping Championship. Senior (Girls).—1, D. Hamblin (B); 2, M. Bryson (R); 3, N. Field (R).

Junior (Girls).—1, J. Bates (B); 2, E. Brace (B); 3, G. Reed (R).

220 Yds. (Open). Senior (Boys).—1, L. Marshall (R); 2, J. McCubbin (R); 3, D. Hynes (B).

Junior (Boys).—1, A. McCubbin (B); 2, V. Grunberg (R); 3, S. Fowler (R).

Senior (Girls).—1, D. Hamblin (B); 2, M. Bryson (R); 3, M. Grossett (B).

Egg & Spoon Race. Senior (Girls).—1, L. Lovkovich; 2, B. Woods; 3, M. Gardiner.

Junior (Girls).—1, G. Reed; 2, D. Tolan; 3, E. Brace.

Mixed Wheel Barrow Race.—1, N. Field and R. Woolley; 2, M. Grossett and A. McCubbin; 3, E. Brace and B. Phillips.

400 Yards Handicap. Senior (Boys).—1, A. Ursell (B); 2, L. Marshall (R); 3, D. Hynes (B).

Junior (Boys).—1, A. McCubbin (B); 2, V. Grunberg (R); 3, B. Phillips (B).

Relay Race (Girls). Senior.—1, Red House; 2, Blue House.

Junior.—1, Blue House; 2, Red House.

Throwing the Cricket-Ball. Senior (Boys).—1, L. Marshall (R); 2, J. Stirling (B); 3, D. Hynes (B). Distance: 208 ft. 6 ins.

Junior (Boys).—1, A. McCubbin (B); 2, R. Wood (R); 3, B. Phillips (B). Distance: 164 ft. 3 ins.

Senior (Girls).—1, A. Horsford

## LEAGUE CRICKET.

## UNIVERSITY BEATEN FOR FIRST TIME.

The all-important match between the leaders of the First Division and last year's champions attracted much interest on Saturday and by their victory the Kowloon Cricket Club has considerably brightened their prospects of retaining the championship for another year.

## Three Wicket Victory.

The Hongkong University suffered their first defeat. They batted first and but for an entertaining innings by J. Barrow, who went in seventh wicket down, they would have been dismissed for a rather low score. Their total of 145 included 31 from Barrow and no less than 23 from Extras. W. Brace, the interporter, took five wickets for 23 runs.

The visitors were given a very promising start and knocked off the wickets at the loss of seven wickets the innings eventually realising 143 for eight wickets. Brace was the main contributor, scoring 68 runs before being caught. Gutierrez captured five wickets for 29 runs. Scores:

## DIVISION II.

## Club de Recreio v. Army Ordnance Corps.

The most interesting match in the Second Division was that played on the Recreio ground where the Portuguese team entertained the R.A.O.C. The home team won by 32 runs and much will now depend on the game between the Recreio and the University on Saturday.

Batting first the Recreio knocked off a total of 120 runs, D. Xavier contributing 53 undefeated. The R. A. O. C. failed to reach this score by 32 runs, Laka being top scorer with 19.

## Tamar Lose by 59 Runs to Navy.

Playing at Happy Valley, the Royal Navy beat H.M.S. Tamar by 59 runs. The victors batted first and scored 133 and then dismissed their opponents for 80 runs.

## Police Win.

In a very low scoring match the Police beat the Civil Service by eight wickets. The latter team took first knock and were all dismissed for 23 runs, Alexander taking seven wickets for 15. The Police passed that score with only two wickets down, they eventually scoring 51 runs.

## Friendly Matches.

The Royal Navy easily beat the Hongkong Cricket Club first eleven at King's Park. The hosts scored 192 (Hunt 42, Lutz 34, Davies 30 and Heald 29), while the Club replied with only 74 runs, of which A. W. Hayward made 26 and C. D. Wales 12 not out.

A very one-sided match was played on the K.C.C. ground, the China Light and Power Co. supplying the opposition. The home team scored 103 (B. Petheram 27 and G. Lee 24), the visitors were then dismissed for 30 runs (Bertram 22), G. Lee took six wickets for two runs including the "hat-trick."

With a fairly strong side, the Garrison defeated the Hongkong C.C. second string by 115 runs on the Club ground. The Garrison declared their innings closed with 131 runs for seven wickets (Gough 53). The Club replied with 68 runs.

Playing against the Hongkong Electric Company, the Graingerover C.C. won by 121 runs. With 192 on the board the home team declared with eight wickets down. Jim (61 retired) and Macleay (62 retired) were the top scorers. The Hongkong Electric could only score 71.

On the civil service ground yesterday, a combined League team played the Combined Schools and won by 123 runs. The League players batted first and made 287 for nine wickets declared, W. Hung contributing 62 and Lieut. Shaw 79. The school boys made 114 (Anderson 32).

(B); 2, D. Lowe (R); 3, G. Tobin (B).

Junior (Girls).—1, J. Bates (B); 2, E. Brace (B); 3, I. Woolley (R).

Mile (Open). Senior.—1, L. Marshall (B); 2, J. McCubbin (R); 3, J. Smith (R).

Junior.—1, B. Phillips (B); 2, L. Phillips (R); 3, K. Wood (R).

Skipping Championship. Senior (Girls).—1, J. Tobin (B); 2, J. Bryson (R); 3, M. Bryson (R).

Junior (Girls).—1, B. Spalding (R); 2, P. Mooney (B); 3, P. Russell (B).

Obstacle Race. Senior (Boys).—1, P. Wittehall; 2, J. Smith; 3, M. Back.

Junior (Boys).—1, B. Bickford; 2, A. McCubbin; 3, B. Phillips.

Relay Race (Boys). Senior.—1, Red House; 2, Blue House.

Junior.—1, Blue House; 2, Red House.

Tag-of-War. Senior (Boys).—1, Blue House.

Junior (Boys).—1, Blue House.

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## SECOND ROUND OF JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Three matches were played in the second round of the Junior Championship at Fanling yesterday, the results being as follows: B. D. Evans beat D. J. Gilmore 5 and 3. Major Lynch beat E. Grimbile 4 and 2. S. T. Butlin beat C. L. Sandes 8 and 2.

The match between D. G. Bruce and F. Cowherd was not played owing to the latter taking part in the Hong match.

Police v. Talkoo. A friendly match was played at Happy Valley yesterday morning between teams representing the Hongkong Police and the Talkoo Club. Only singles were played, the result being a win for Talkoo by six and a half points to two points.

TENNIS RANKINGS. THE AMERICAN TOP-NOTCHERS.

Chicago, Feb. 12. The rankings for the National Singles in the United States Lawn Tennis Association are as follows:

Men: 1. W. Tilden. 2. Francis Hunter. 3. G. M. Lott.

Women: 1. Helen Wills. 2. Mrs. Mallory. 3. Mrs. A. H. Chapin.

—*Reuter.*

## THE OLYMPIAD.

## WINTER GAMES OPEN AT ST. MORITZ.

St. Moritz, Feb. 11. Twenty-five nations were represented by nearly a thousand athletes at the opening of the Olympic Winter Games.

The town is gaily bedecked with a variety of national flags and packed with visitors.

The President, Mr. Schultze, on behalf of the Swiss Government, welcomed the competitors and visitors.

—*Reuter.*

## BOXING.

## THE WORLD'S FEATHER-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

New York, Feb. 11. For the world's featherweight boxing championship Tony Canzoneri of New York defeated Benny Bass of Philadelphia on points after a grueling contest.

It transpired after the fight that Benny Bass sustained dislocation of his right shoulder. —*Reuter's American Service.*

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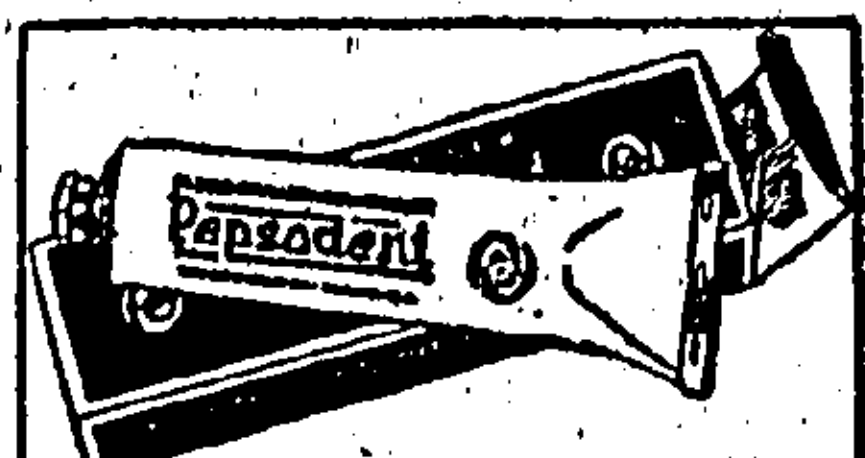
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## KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

### K. R. A. COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES.

The report of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, to be presented at the eighth annual general meeting on Monday, February 20, in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, at 6 p.m., states:

In presenting the report for 1927, your committee is glad to report a year of quiet endeavour. If not successful in accomplishing all it has attempted, it has, at least, justified the continued existence of the Association. Many matters under consideration have been unavoidably left in abeyance owing to an unusually large military contingent in Kowloon and the consequent pre-occupation of Government and residents generally in trying to make these visitors comfortable. Another factor which, to some extent, has retarded what might be termed "municipal progress" was the constant plea for economy on the part of Government and this is, no doubt, why so many of our requests are still to be dealt with.

The report is arranged in the form that has become familiar to you and the remarks which immediately follow serve as a passing comment on the classified correspondence in which the subjects are dealt with more fully.

**Government Dispensary.**—This matter was again taken up energetically during the early part of the year, but we regret to report that Government was unable either to re-open the Kowloon Dispensary or to rent private premises at which medical practitioners might attend.

**Lighting.**—(Increase of Voltage.) Some uneasiness was expressed by Kowloon residents when the China Light and Power Co. advertised the change over in lighting systems from 100 to 200 volts. The Association accordingly took up the matter with this company, with the result that we were assured that the conversion would be to the ultimate advantage of the customer.

The Company stated that: "Owing to decreased expenditure, a lower cost in production will result, and it is the intention of this company when the conversion to the higher voltage has been carried out, to give the consumer the benefit of this by lowering the present tariff, thus compensating for any increase in the cost of candlepower."

With regard to the question of alteration of electrical apparatus, we were assured by the Company that consumer's property would be altered and replaced with no expense to the individual.

#### Local Amenities.

**Street Lighting.**—A Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. E. Cock, W. S. Bailey and C. M. Mann was appointed during the year to study this important matter and suggest any alterations which, in their opinion, would tend to improve the present unsatisfactory conditions. The report of these gentlemen was very carefully considered and communicated to the Government.

The General Committee is not without hope that its recommendations will in the near future lead to the considerable improvements which are so long overdue.

**Bathing Facilities.**—The question of increased bathing facilities in Kowloon, especially the provision of public bathing sheds at Castle Peak, was energetically pursued with the Government and resulted in various improvements being effected during the year. The Government, after careful consideration, found it necessary, owing to the urgent need for economy, reluctantly to omit from the 1928 estimates any provision for improvements to the present bathing beaches, but stated that the requisite provision for the upkeep of existing facilities would be duly made.

**Kowloon Cemeteries.**—(Sites.) The attention of the Committee has been directed to this important matter during the year, and ample provision has now been made by the Government to cover requirements for a considerable period. It has been arranged that all sections are self-contained, i.e. all areas, Chinese, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Mohammedan, having separate entrances.

**Representation on Education Board.**—The interests of Kowloon residents have been watched very closely and when the appointment, held by the Rev. G. R. Lindsay in place of Mr. B. Wylie on leave, expired, your Committee recommended that Mr. Lindsay be re-appointed to the vacancy. This was done and Mr. Lindsay carried on the useful work till May, 1927, when, owing to his leaving the Colony, the vacancy again occurred and, Mr. Wylie, consenting to serve again, he was recommended to and appointed by His Excellency and we hope to retain his valuable labours till the appointment again lapses in October of this year, and afterwards if possible.

It is desirable in passing that a tribute be paid to the very valuable services of Mr. Lindsay, not only for his work on the Education Board, but also for his deep interest in and yeoman service for the well-being of the Association.

#### Erection of Hoardings.

**Advertisement Hoardings.**—A very strong protest was made to Government against the erection of advertisement hoardings which have been so freely placed throughout the residential parts of the Peninsula. The assurance that any further applications will receive most careful scrutiny is satisfactory so far as it goes, but it is the considered opinion of your Committee that the roads of Kowloon are not the place for such commercial enterprise.

**Public Pier.**—This has been in an alarmingly unsafe condition for some time and it only required the typhoons of 1927 to put it entirely out of commission when the Government had to take hurried steps in the direction of a repair contract.

Your Committee is of opinion that no amount of repairs will make the pier adequate to even present requirements. The only real remedy seems to be a new pier at the bottom of Nathan Road.

with an overhead bridge and level crossing approach, as the only means of coping with the already dangerously congested traffic at Kowloon Point. These views have been put before Government and, although no reply has been received, it is noted that work of some sort has been put in hand.

#### —The Star Ferry.

**"Star" Ferry Approach.**—The importance of this matter has not been lost sight of during the year, and suggestions have been made to Government with a view to creating an approach in keeping with the rapidly growing importance of the Peninsula. The occurrence of the last typhoon and the destruction of the Taisan Co.'s Garage on the south side of Salisbury Road, was suggested to Government as being an opportunity to acquiesce in the Committee's earlier view of the desirability of setting back the sidewalk to the line of trees in order to widen the roadway at this point. No reply to this suggestion has been received.

**Hongkong-Kowloon Ferry Service.**—The "Star" Ferry Co. have improved the service very considerably during the past year, both by the introduction of several larger vessels, and by the marked improvements on the Hongkong Wharf. The Company has at all times given careful consideration to any suggestions put forward by the General Committee for the betterment of this service.

**Chater Statue.**—The General Committee is in touch with a committee which has been formed for the purpose of erecting a statue in memory of the late Sir Paul Chater, and have suggested that as Kowloon has been built up largely by the foresight and keen interest of Sir Paul, it is fitting and proper that his statue be erected in Kowloon, to commemorate the fact that we owe a debt to his memory which is incalculable.

It was also felt that the statue might form the centre around which a more dignified approach might be made to the gateway of the Kowloon Peninsula.

#### Traffic Matters.

**Bus Stopping Places.**—During the year several requests have been made for additional stopping places; in every case the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police has given the application his careful consideration and the stopping places have been authorised, proving a great convenience to the travelling public.

**Bus-route Numbers.**—Much confusion was experienced through the lack of route numbers on the backs of buses, and on the matter being brought to the notice of the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police, the Bus Companies were instructed to exhibit these numbers on the backs as well as the fronts of the buses.

**Buses to Kowloon Tong.**—A letter was received from the residents of Kowloon Tong Estate requesting the Association to assist them in securing a regular bus-service through the Estate, and on the matter being taken up with the Bus Companies, we are pleased to report that a satisfactory service was immediately instituted.

**Traffic Control.**—Various suggestions have been made to the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police regarding white lines as a guide to better traffic control, and these suggestions are at present under consideration.

**Bus-route No. 9.**—Representations were made to the Bus Companies, asking that during rush hours empty buses might be turned round at suitable places to cope with the traffic; the Bus Companies accordingly made arrangements with the authorities for empty buses to be turned round at Argyle Street, Mong Kok, and return to the "Star" Ferry during rush hours.

**Rickshaws at Railway Station.**—Complaints were received that it was impossible to obtain rickshaws at the entrance to the Railway Station, which was considered a hardship for residents arriving by train during bad weather.

The matter was referred to the Authorities, who arranged for the rickshaws to line up on the side of the road under the control of an employee of the rickshaw farmers. Passengers from the train can now enter rickshaws at the Station entrance.

**Reduced Fares to Service Men.**—Following on the suggestion from a member, this matter was taken up with the three bus companies, to whom it was pointed out that a soldier's pay did not permit of large disbursements and that the quarters allotted to them were inaccessible, without some means of transport, to and from the few amenities and amusements available.

It is a pleasure to the Committee to place on record the ready acquiescence accorded to the request that fares should be reduced to our military guests. As a matter of fact the reduction was

## HOME RUGBY.

### ENGLAND BEATS IRELAND.

Dublin, Feb. 11.

Playing in fine weather and in the presence of 30,000 spectators, England beat Ireland in the International Rugby match by seven points to six.—*Reuter.*

### Students' Annual Match.

London, Feb. 11.

Playing at Oxford in the annual rugby match, the combined Oxford and Cambridge Universities beat the Dominions Students by 11 points to eight.—*Reuter.*

put in force within 48 hours of the request being received.

### The Playground.

**Children's Playground.**—The various paraphernalia of this, practically our only safe open space for children, suffered from considerable wear and tear during the year, due, undoubtedly, to the fact that it was in continual use up to and exceeding its capacity, which in itself is a very eloquent testimony to the necessity for more of these spaces. Several serious defects were, from time to time, brought to the notice of the proper authority and were promptly remedied.

The thanks of the Committee and the parents of our future citizens are due to Mr. Vernal of the P.W.D. for his zeal in dealing with these matters directly they were brought to his notice.

During the year under review Mr. F. W. Stapleton, after several months' service, resigned the office of Secretary and was succeeded by Mr. C. M. Mannors, O.B.E. The Committee desire to place on record its high appreciation of Mr. Stapleton's valuable work.

The thanks of the Association are tendered to the Government for its assistance when possible; to the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police for his co-operation in matters affecting the transport service on the Peninsula; the Press for their invaluable aid in making our activities known; to St. Andrew's Church Vestry for the use of the Church Hall; to the Star Ferry Co. for its ready compliance with our requests and to the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., the China Motor Bus Co., and the Kai Tak Motor Bus Co. for their sympathetic consideration of our many requests and in particular, for the prompt reduction of fares to the military.

### Treasurer's Report.

The Hon. Treasurer's report, dealing with receipts, states:

"The amount in subscriptions collected from the members was \$524, of which \$514 represent 1927 a/c."

Of the outstanding accounts, amounting to \$92 it is expected that \$46 may be recoverable, being mostly arrears of members, who are reported to have left the Colony, and of those who are no longer residing in Kowloon.

The maximum number of members enrolled in 1927 was 321. But on 31st December, there were on the register 277, the difference being accounted for, as follows:

5 died—2 resigned—23 out of the Colony, and 14 struck off the List in compliance with Bye-law No. 14a.

### Payments.

The total amount of expenditure was \$297.78, as against \$292.40 in 1926.

There was an appreciable decrease in the amounts spent for Postage and Advertisements, but the charge incurred on account of the 7th annual report was \$180, as against \$119 in 1926.

The increase was due to the bigger edition of the report, and to the cost of the very practicable plan for a scheme proposed by the Association for reorganisation of traffic at the Ferry Approach.

Altogether 1,000 copies of the report with the plan attached were distributed among the members, and residents of the Peninsula who might be influenced to join the Association.

The result of the propaganda was quite encouraging, as 56 new members were admitted during the year.

A sum of \$12 was spent for a camphor-wood trunk for the Secretary to keep together correspondence and other papers.

### Balance.

The balance at hand on the 31st December, 1927, was \$1,042.67, as against \$774.95 in 1926 and \$856.19 in 1924. The undersigned has been Treasurer since 1925. Owing to pressure of work he regrets very much his inability to carry on for 1928.

The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. J. Fleming, C.A., for auditing the accounts, free of charge.

## VARSITY DANCE.

### CONCERT BY ELIOT HALL STUDENTS.

The centre of social activities at the Hongkong University was switched to Eliot Hall on Saturday night, when a concert and dance were given by the Warden and students resident in this hostel. Strenuous and ropes of greenery were knitted into an acceptable pattern and with the fine band of the Melodians from H.M.S. Titania, and the carnival spirit, there was nothing lacking for enjoyment.

Mr. Mak Kai-hung, first started the ball rolling with a programme of Chinese music which appeared to be much enjoyed, following which Mr. G. S. Scully appeared on the stage with the more familiar violin, and rendered an effective selection with the over-popular "Indian Love Call." His effort evoked a considerable amount of enthusiasm and he had to oblige with an encore.

The concert concluded with a farce, which although, it purported to be a Chinese sketch demonstrated that one hon-peaked husband is very much like another, whatever his nationality.

Floor space was utilised to its fullest limits later, as chairs were cleared and dancing was indulged in by a very large number of students and their friends.

Following are the members of the Entertainment Committee:

Chairman—Mr. Chong Tuck-wing.  
Decorations Committee—Messrs. Khoo Fan-yong, Foon King-wong, Ian Fong-lit, Loke Kin-thong, Law Nai-koy and Lee Hui Tsai.

Concert Committee—Messrs. Pang Hock-koo, G. S. Scully, Mak Kai-hung, Mak Kam-chuen, G. de Souza and Lim Ngot Siow.

Reception Committee—Messrs. Chan Joo-cheng, Lim Poh-ty, Wu Tin-pao, Tan Gim-ann, Lee Pui-tong and Yeoh Guan-ong.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. Tan Cheng-lock.

## MISSIONS TO SEAMEN.

### GENERAL SECRETARY VISITING HONGKONG.

Among the passengers expected to-day on the s.s. Karmala are Mr. and Mrs. Stuart C. Knox.

Mr. Knox is the General Secretary of the Missions to Seamen, a post which he has held for several years, and is now engaged in making a tour of inspection of the Society's Stations in India and the Far East. This is the first time for many years that a member of the Headquarters Staff of the Missions to Seamen has paid an official visit to Hongkong. In view of the fact that the Society only recently opened a new station at Singapore, and also that in Hongkong, Shanghai and Kobe new Institutes are likely to be erected or leased in the near future to replace existing buildings, Mr. Knox's visit is especially welcome. It is hoped that during their stay here an opportunity may be made for Mr. and Mrs. Knox to meet friends of the Society.

## FANLING RACES.

### PROGRAMME FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING.

The following is the programme for the next steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt.

1.—3 p.m. Dowbiggin Cup Handicap.—About 1½ Miles. For China Ponies kept in the M. I. Lines to be ridden by owners, being Members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. For Cup presented by Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, 2nd prize \$20.

2.—March Maiden Stakes.—About 1 Mile. For China Ponies that have never won a Steeplechase.

3.—Hartford Cup.—About 1½ Miles. For China Ponies. For a cup presented by Mrs. G. B. Hartford with \$100 added; 2nd prize \$40, 3rd prize \$20.

4.—March Handicap.—About 1½ Miles. For China Ponies. 1st prize \$75, 2nd \$20.

5.—Scotts Guards Regimental Race.—About 2½ Miles over natural country, finishing round the Steeplechase course. For China Ponies the property of officers of the Scotts Guards. For a cup presented by Lt. Col. Sir Victor Mackenzie, Bart, D.S.O., M.V.O., 2nd prize \$20.

6.—Moderate Plate.—About 7 Furlongs.—For China Ponies that have started at this meeting or previously at Kwant. 1st prize \$75, 2nd prize \$20. Forced Entry.

The Spring Meeting of the Fanling Hunt takes place on March 3. There are six events which are advertised in this issue. Entries close on February 20.

## AVIATOR HONOURED.

### Freedom of the City of Havana.

Havana, Feb. 11.  
Colonel Lindbergh, the trans-Atlantic flier, has been given the freedom of the city.—*Reuter's American Service.*



## OUR NEW SERIAL

## THE VANISHING VENGEANCE

By DOUGLAS NEWTON.

Author of "Double Crossed," "Low Collings," "Green Ladies," &amp;c.

## CHAPTER XI.

No doubt about it—the listless Mr. Dudley had exploded a bomb. His news had abruptly and dramatically given a new note, a new terror to the whole situation. He had made it plain that there was something big and mysterious, Seward Gamlin, had committed suicide. Henry Maker had bolted. Both things had happened suddenly, unexpectedly. But as suddenly as both had happened, each of the victims had done the same thing. Each had sent his fortune to the relief of the victims of the Consolidated Exploitation smash.

Gamlin had sent £80,000; Maker, Mr. Dudley said, had sent £120,000. They had sent this as a gift, but each had taken steps to obliterate himself immediately after he had sent it.

Mr. Dudley said, languidly, "And the curious point is that nobody knows anything about the letter Maker sent, nobody knows how it was posted. The same thing occurred in Gamlin's case, didn't it?"

Nobody could explain this, but Joyce felt that she knew, and Otto knew. Martin Stannard had posted that letter. Although nothing was said about Martin Stannard, Joyce felt that he was in this, just as he had been in it in Gamlin's case. He had called on Henry Maker before Maker bolted, just as he had called on Gamlin before Gamlin killed himself.

Yes, there was fear in the eyes of the men who faced Mr. Dudley as he dropped his bomb. It was quickly hidden in the case of the cunning Otto Riggs, but Joyce sensed it.

His actions and his words were all adjusted to mislead the tired Mr. Dudley. He was on his guard and fighting. Mr. Dudley, in his weary way, was trying to get some reason for this extraordinary state of things out of the men before him, and Otto was pleading absolute puzzlement and ignorance.

He could explain nothing, he would offer no hint of Martin Stannard. Again and again Mr. Dudley tried to get at this, put out weary feelers that seemed to be searching for some hidden personality at the back of this mystery. But Otto countered everything with the plea of ignorance. He gave nothing away. Certainly he did not give the name of Martin Stannard away. Mr. Dudley left more weary and more baffled.

Joyce was also, baffled, and yet rebellious. She was sent from the study while the three directors of the bankrupt company held conference. She sat in her little office opening on to the lawns behind the house. She was in a state of mental chaos. She could only think of the lies that were being told.

Lies that revealed nothing, confused everything.

"I'll believe none of them," cried Joyce, passionately. "I'll trust nobody. I'll find out for myself."

When she saw Otto Riggs and his foxy agent, Storch, walk out into the garden, she rose and followed them. She meant to find out for herself.

It was easy to follow, for the garden was well set with shrubs. They went straight down the garden, well away from the house. They reached a little bay entirely surrounded by thickset hedges—a yew-parlour—and into this they went. It was an ideal place for a secret conversation, if nobody saw them go in. Joyce saw them go in, slipped round behind the hedges, and reached a point just behind a rustic seat on which both men sat.

"There is no alternative. This Dudley fellow is dangerous. We must deal with Stannard at once—and finally." It was Otto Riggs speaking, coldly, implacably.

"Yes, I can see that," came Storch's voice, hesitatingly. "If we don't get him—hell!"

"You let him slip last night," said Otto Riggs, with deadly coldness.

"Could I help it, Mr. Riggs?" protested Storch. "Now, ask yourself, could I help it?"

"Yes," said Otto, ruthlessly. "Yes, you could. You had him at your mercy. Your folly was that you tried to—capture him alive."

There must have been something in Otto Riggs's face that chilled and frightened Storch, for, after a tiny pause, he said in a tone not much louder than a whisper: "Gawd—You mean—"

Joyce was horrified at the awful significance of that whisper.

"I mean," said Otto Riggs, evenly, "that you hung about too long instead of acting at once. At once, understand."

Storch's tone had a frightened edge. "But, by Gawd, Mr. Riggs, that'd have been—been—"

"Self-defence, Storch," said the low, smooth voice of Otto Riggs. "Self-defence—against a notorious rogue. You understand, quite a simple matter. Don't quibble, Storch. You'd be merely defending us against that brute—and what he means to all of us. Look at it properly, my man. It is either us or Stannard. Think of what happened to Seward Gamlin, and now to Maker. That's what you have to stop Stannard doing to the lot of us. There are three of us left, you know, Storch."

"You mean that I have got to—," Storch was panting. "But I can't—." Evidently the cold little eyes of Otto Riggs stopped him, for he said with a choke, "That is, we can't be certain of seeing him again."

"Oh, yes, we can," came the cold purr of Otto's voice. "Twice he has been seen heading across the Common in the direction of the Dark House."

"I swear he ain't in the Dark House," blustered Storch. "I swear he ain't there, we've been over it from cellar to attic."

"You're trying to confuse the issue, Storch," murmured Otto. "Whether he is there or not remains to be seen, but what I said was that he heads in that direction across an empty Common, Storch. A little patience, and you are bound to see him walking there one night. Bound to, for as sure as facts are facts he means to call on Fedden, Shanley, and me. And when you see him walking there, Storch—"

"Don't say it, Mr. Riggs—I can't—I can't!" wailed Storch. "I can't do it. Really."

"Really!" Otto mocked, coldly. "Really it would be unfortunate if you did not, Storch. Unfortunately for you, Storch. Or, shall I call you by your real name, Bulley?"

There was a yelp from Storch, the sound of him leaping to his feet. "Gawd!" he screamed. "It ain't my name. . . . How did you learn?"

"I learn everything—about the men I employ, Storch," came Otto's even, cruel voice. "Yes, you will remain Storch for the present. You will remain so for all time—if you are sensible."

A pause. "Well, you ain't got anything against me. That name don't matter. If you try to take that line with me—"

"I'm not taking any line, Silas Bulley," murmured Otto. "I am merely indicating that it might be unfortunate for—shall we say—the now fairly respectable Storch if the name came out, if the little details about the Newington affair came out."

"Newington!" shouted Storch. "My Gawd! I'll deal with you, you devil!"

There was the scuffle of feet, then a frightened cry from Storch. Then Otto's voice as cool as ever: "Yes, you see that I, at least, am prepared to shut in self-defence. I am prepared to face the law for killing Silas Bulley, who—"

"Don't, don't say it, Mr. Riggs," roared Storch. "I wanted to forget that. That's all done with and past."

"I understand, Storch," murmured Otto. "In that case it is a pity that I have so much evidence."

"I didn't do it intentionally," wailed Storch.

"Perhaps not," said Otto, "but the evidence does not go into motives, Storch. It merely makes facts obvious, Storch. And those facts, Storch, will hang you—yes, hang you—if by chance they got out at my death; say you were so stupid as to try and kill me, or should some impulse, like my displeasure with you, cause me to send them to the police."

"You couldn't do that, sir. You couldn't."

"I don't want to, Storch," said Otto. "Really, I don't. All that evidence is safe at the moment, safe from the police—and you. What is more, if I were pleased with you, if I had reason to be grateful to you, I would hand it all over to you. You could destroy it and be safe for all time. I can be very grateful, Storch."

There was a pause. "All right," said Storch's voice sullenly. "You've got me."

"Ah, you are seeing reason, Storch," said Otto. "Then you will deal with Martin Stannard—in self-defence?"

"Yes, I'll do him. . . . And the papers?"

"Yours, the instant I hear the news that Stannard will trouble us no more."

(To be continued.)

## OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, February 18th), set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

## "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on February 18th:—

## ENGLISH CUP, FIFTH ROUND.

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| M'chester U. | v | Birmingham.    |
| Wednesday    | v | Sheffield U.   |
| Arsenal      | v | Aston Villa.   |
| Leicester    | v | Tottenham.     |
| M'chester C. | v | Stoke C.       |
| Huddersfield | v | Middlesbrough. |
| Notts For.   | v | Cardiff.       |

## SCOTTISH CUP, THIRD ROUND.

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| St. Mirren  | v | Partick.      |
| Hibernians  | v | Falkirk.      |
| Athlon Rov. | v | Airdrie.      |
| Kilmarnock  | v | Queen's Park. |
| Hearts      | v | Motherwell.   |

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| Kilmarnock    | v | Queen's Park.  |
| Hearts        | v | Motherwell.    |

## AIR ROUTE TO INDIA.

## OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH ITALY.

Rome, Jan. 3. From the Air Ministry it is learned that an agreement only in principle has been reached between Italy and England for the establishment of an Italian sector of the London to India airway and that details have not yet been tabled or worked out.

The Italian Government views with complete satisfaction the prospect of the development of the route with an Italian peninsula stretch, but it is gathered that several outstanding questions require to be finally dealt with before the arrangement can be talked of as settled.

Newspapers in Rome have been asked by the Prefect to "reduce to disappearance point" all suicide reports, and also reports of crimes of passion. This marks the beginning of the 1928 battle for the purification of the Press. The leading Rome evening paper, *Tribuna*, in an editorial, welcomed the move, saying it hopes the invitation will soon be made an order with immediate penalties.

## AGE OF SLOGAN AND EMOTION.

## REASON &amp; LOGIC DETHRONED, SAYS HEADMASTER.

## PUBLIC LIFE VIEWED.

Have the schools any responsibility for some of the disquieting aspects of our public life?

This was the main problem discussed in an extraordinary interesting Presidential address at the opening meeting of the Head Masters' Association at the Guildhall.

Mr. George Smith (Dulwich College) is the President, and he, having examined and replied to the criticism that the schools killed originality and stifled genius, went on to ask whether modern educational methods had not something to do with the tendency of late years to decide public questions by emotion and sentiment rather than by reason and logic. He pointed out the danger to democracy when citizens in the mass mistake the beating of their hearts for the working of their brains.

Mr. Smith said that their work was the most interesting in the world, and it was of incalculable importance how they did it.

The most frequent criticism was that they cramped personality in their pupils, discouraged originality, cut the wings of genius, shaped all to one pattern, stretched the pupil on a bed of Procrustes, and turned him out by methods of mass production, as standardised as a Ford car, but without any provision for the later supply of spare parts. He did not consider that the danger of standardising the individual was very great.

The allegation that the school tended to kill genius could neither be proved nor disproved. The usual method was to take a conspicuous example, and the most overworked example was Shelley. But was it not true that the traditional conditions under which a possible genius was brought up provided the indispensable fulcrum for his lever to move the world?

## National Symptoms.

There were disquieting symptoms in our national life that might or might not be connected with facts in educational practice. Wise self-government and self-determination required the use of reason and logic as well as of good will. Yet on the whole we reached our decision not by logic of reasoning, but under the logic of emotional experience. One function of the reason—intelligence was to examine, to analyse, to criticise these conclusions to which our whole spirit had leapt or been unconsciously led.

It was more effective to find a good slogan than a watertight argument. "Hats off to France" demonstrated the wisdom of the occupation of the Ruhr. "Free Trade" carried with it all the emotional thrill that an appeal to freedom always carried. "Fair Trade" had all the compelling power that the thought of justice and equity brings. "No Popery" had been responsible for much judicial action and for not a little popular theology.

Was education related to this disquieting aspect of our public life? We had during the last 30 or 40 years laid a great deal more stress than formerly on the cultivation of the senses, on the aesthetic and emotional side of our nature.

In teaching literature, for example, they aimed to arouse interest and to cultivate appreciation. The pagentry, the colour, the movement, the mimicry, and he murmuring occupied a large place in their study; reasoning and analysis did not. When the logical intelligence meddled with poetry, they were told, "way of analysis they killed the poetry. Paraphrasing was, therefore, an accused and murderous thing—grammar was gone; parsing and analysis were no more."

## Something Lost.

One could see the same movement in the teaching of geometry (formerly known as Euclid), in the great place given to seeing, handling, smelling in the teaching of science, in the direct method of teaching modern languages, always the senses and the intuitive reaction; not often the grim logical analysis. While he would not willingly go back to the old ways, he felt they had lost something, some certitude in the progress of their thought, some grip of reality, some of the grim strength that came from acquaintance of facts however unpalatable, and of duties, however unwelcome, some keenness of insight and accuracy and logic, and that our education tended to become what an old-fashioned disoriented schoolmaster, whom he had met, would not attempt to identify, might call sloppy and slushy.

## Governing Bodies.

A resolution declaring it to be vital that each secondary school

## HONGKONG TRADE.

## MORE ENQUIRY FOR COTTON GOODS.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:

Cotton Piecegoods.—There is more enquiry in the market for cotton goods than for some time past, and sales are reported of F.B.C. Venetians, Dyed Warp Satins and Dyed Cambrics. Clearances are good. The latest quotations are those of the 7th Inst. Eg. Sakel, 17.30d. Mid. Amer. "Spot" 10.02d. Another report states:—Some business has been done in Japanese Cotton Cashmeres (200/300 cases at 35 cts. per yard 69") and Chintz Prints (100 cases at 14/15 cts.). A small business in Black Cotton Venetians is reported. Practically no business is reported in White Shirtings. It is too early for the buying of Cottons in any large scale. Clearances have improved since the reopening of the market. At present English and Japanese cargo is excluded from Kwangsi on account of Boycott.

Cotton Yarn.—Market is very quiet with no business doing. Prices have declined 4 to 5 p. per bale. Nominal quotations are as follows:—No. 10s. \$165/180. No. 12s. \$170/180. No. 16s. \$180/185. No. 20s. \$190/195. Arrivals 400 bales. Shipments Nil. Sales Nil. Unsold stock 3,700 bales. Bargains 9,600 bales.

Woolens.—Market prices for all kinds of wollen goods remained unchanged. Prices for fresh orders vary considerably. In some cases business has been done on a cheaper basis than last year and in others, higher rates are required.

Raw Cotton.—No business to report.

Metals.—The market is firmer and there is a certain amount of business done. Stocks are low, some prices show an advance. Sales have been reported of Wire Nails, Wild Steel Bars and Galvanized Wire at quotations, but the volume of business is not important.

Four market.—Stock: American, 600,000 bags; Canadian, 150,000 bags; Australian, 20,000 bags. Market: Slow and Weak, with very little sales. Quotations:—American Patent, \$4.25; American Cut off, \$3.00-3.30; Australian No. 1, \$3.40-3.45; Canadian Cut off, \$2.95-3.10; Canadian Straight, \$2.90-3.00; Canadian Mixture, \$2.85; Canadian 2nd Clear, \$2.75. Sugar.—Market weak. Saltpetre.—Slight improvement since last report.

## QUESTION OF LANGUAGE.

## AFRIKANDERS CENSURED.

Capetown, Jan. 13. The Minister for Mines (Mr. G. W. Beyers) speaking at Middleburg, urged the Afrikaans that their language must be defended from betrayal by the Afrikaners. Departmentally he said, English ruled the roost. He instanced the appointment of Englishmen in the last few years to prominent positions, and bitterly condemned the reference by the Chairman of the recent Labour Congress that South Africa meant Dutch South Africa first, as unjust. He also censured the hundreds of Afrikaners who tried to speak English. It was useless, he said, shouting about sovereign independence when Afrikaners had no backbone to defend their language rights.

The Viceroy, Lord Irwin, went out after shooting at Umaria on Jan. 12, and shot two tigers. It was evident that he was still suffering from the effect of his recent illness, and it is difficult to locate tigers at this time of the year. The Maharaja of Rewa personally conducted the beats, and drove the two tigers straight in front of the Viceroy.

have its own government—was adopted at the instance of Dr. Norwood, of Harrow. He declared that the life of a school belonged to the Headmaster and the governing bodies and their boys; the true secondary school was not a piece of machinery, but a life to be lived.

When, he said, the Higher Education Sub-Committee at Sheffield, acting in accordance with the programme of the political party of the temporary majority, proceeded, in neglect of the headmaster and without consultation with the parents, to abolish the contingent of the O.T.C. it did a wrong thing, for it did violence to the inner life of the school.

Mr. J. H. Whitcomb denounced "salacious ways" and "some of the books found on drawing-room tables," and declared that youth was being degraded.

## AMERICA'S GOOD FORTUNE.

## ALLIES PAYING OFF NATIONAL DEBT.

Washington, Jan. 6.

More emphatically than even Mr. Kellogg does Mr. Mellon re-nudate the alleged purpose of the United States to call an international conference for the revision of German reparations payments and allied debt settlements.

Mr. Kellogg used the language of diplomacy in denying the story. Mr. Mellon used the language of the street with the single word "bosh." That eventually something will have to be done is admitted, but as one of Mr. Mellon's principal assistants pointed out, the adjustment, whatever form it may take, will depend upon conditions, economic and political, not now to be predicted.

Mr. Mellon has always held that there is no relation between German reparations and allied indebtedness to the United States, and Mr. Mellon's point of view is easily explained.

## The Golden Flood.

If the present rate of the reduction of the American national debt continues, and approximately one-half of the reduction represents allied payments, in twenty-six years hence the entire national debt will be wiped out and the United States will be in the happy position of a country without a national debt.

Mr. Coolidge called the attention of the country to this in his annual message to Congress in 1926. In the circumstances it is only natural that neither the President nor Mr. Mellon should give any encouragement to any plan which would check this golden flood from Europe that will bring about the dream of every Finance Minister, an extinguished national debt and a cost of government largely paid by foreigners. For while the American national debt will be wiped out in twenty-six years, the Allies, so long as the present settlements remain in force, will still be paying.

## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

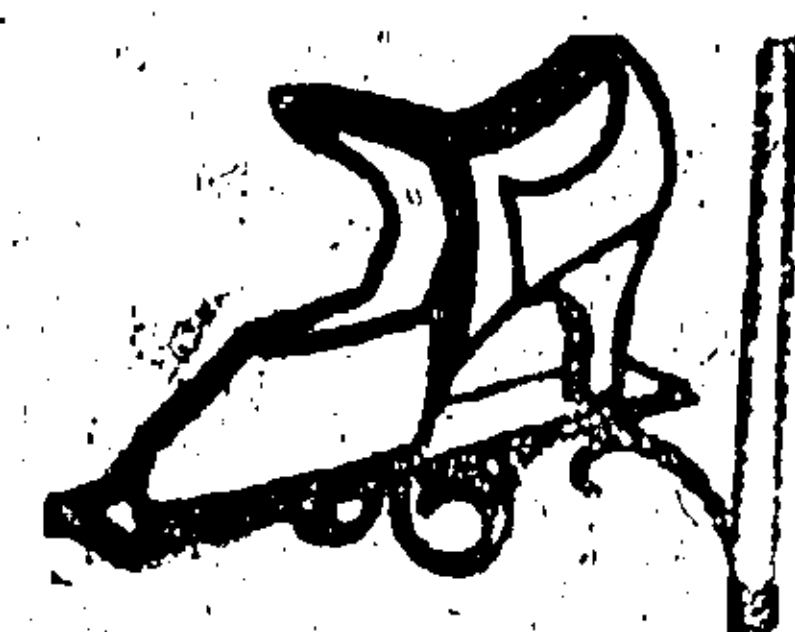
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### AMAH SUMMONED.

#### DESCRIBED AS "AGGRESSIVE AND DOMINEERING?"

Appearing before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Police Court on Saturday morning, in connexion with a summons against an amah, named Li Ho, for alleged disorderly conduct and abusive language, Mrs. L. R. Castellain, of No. 2 Queen's Road Central, said the defendant had an aggressive and domineering disposition, and for the sake of peace, witness had to lock herself in her room, because she was alone in the house.

There had been previous trouble with the defendant on many occasions, according to witness, and this crystallised into the row on the evening of January 14, when, whilst having two guests at dinner, the defendant approached and demanded her wages for December. The amount that would be due to the defendant at the end of that month was \$27, but deducting \$5 for breakages, a balance of \$22 was left, which witness tendered to the defendant.

Apparently deeming this unfair, although she had admitted responsibility for the breakage, defendant refused the amount, and swept the money from the table to the floor.

Replying to his Worship, witness said the breakage in reality amounted to \$20. She proposed to deduct only \$5 from defendant's wages on account of this, but pointed out that defendant had agreed to replace the breakage prior to that evening.

Police Called In.

Proceeding with her account of the incident of that evening, witness said that, in the end, one of the guests went out for a policeman, while in the interval, in order to get rid of the defendant, witness wrote out a cheque for \$34 for the defendant's wages up to January 14, less the \$5 for breakage, and offered it to the defendant, but the latter refused, and continued to make a row.

When the guest returned with a European and a Chinese policeman, defendant, who refused to be pacified, was removed by force.

Police Lance-Sergeant Horney said when he went in, defendant was not then creating any noise, although Mrs. Castellain had complained on his arrival that the amah had been creating a disturbance since 6 p.m. The amah was only arguing about the money; but at Mrs. Castellain's request, witness removed the amah.

Replying to the charge, defendant said the case had already been settled in her favour at the Summary Court and she did not understand why there should be all this fresh trouble.

His Worship explained that the Summary Court case had nothing to do with the present summons. Although the case was in her favour, the fact that she had been given judgment at the Summary Court did not mean she was not guilty of creating a disturbance at Mrs. Castellain's house.

His Worship adjourned the case for the production by the defendant of the house-cook employed at the same house, as a witness.

### FENG LOSES MEN.

#### FURTHER DEFECTIONS.

Peking, Feb. 11. The vernacular papers state that General Yueh Wei-chun, who is the commander of the 2nd Kuomintang Army, and several other Generals have united in a revolt against Feng Yu-hsiang and are advancing to attack Feng's forces at Loyang and Chengchow. Feng Yu-hsiang is consequently withdrawing from the north and west of Honan province, towards Chengchow, to meet the menace. —*Reuter.*

#### Revolt Spreading.

Peking, Feb. 12. The Kuomintang revolt is assuming more serious proportions. Hitherto the defections have been confined to the second Kuomintang but is now stated semi-officially here that the first army is likely to be involved as General Shih Yu-san a prominent first Kuomintang commander, and who is a Fengtense by birth, has declared himself pro-Fengtien.

Kungshien arsenal is reported to be in the hands of the revolutionaries. It is believed that many others are ready to go over unless the revolt is immediately suppressed as it is believed only half of Feng Yu-hsiang's forces are absolutely loyal.

As Feng withdraws from south Chihli the Ankuochun forces are advancing on Hwangho. —*Reuter.*

#### Peking's Plans.

Peking, Feb. 11. Mr. Wu Ching, the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, has stated that the conference at Peking after China New Year largely discussed the separation of civil and military affairs in the provinces, after which Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and General Chang Chung-chang returned to Shanghai in this connexion, under instructions to ascertain the exact number of troops under their control and the funds required to support them.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has now returned to Peking to report accordingly. He has also come partly in view of the fact that the Nationalist conference at Nanking recently decided to prosecute the war against the North. Sun Chuan-fang would be the first to bear the brunt, hence he desired plans to meet the menace and discuss Marshal Chang Tso-lin's own suggested measures in this respect. —*Reuter.*

#### The White Russians.

Peking, Feb. 12. It is reported from Tsinanfu that Chang Chung-chang is dismissing all the remaining White Russians from his army. The men will be escorted into North Manchuria. —*Reuter.*

### SOVIET INFLUENCE.

#### THE DALBANK AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Feb. 11. After being petitioned, the Nationalist authorities have decided to allow the Russian Dalbank to resume business here. —*Reuter.*

### WIRE AND WIRELESS.

#### AMERICA'S DOMINATING POSITION.

London, Feb. 12. A correspondent to the Observer, in a column article on the wireless and cable conference, points out that the American Government, acting through their financial and commercial organisations, backed by the whole strength of their diplomatic representatives, have already acquired a dominating position and carried out far reaching schemes of direct cable and wireless communication with every country in Europe, Japan and the whole Far East.

He emphasises the need of unified control of the British Empire's cable and wireless communications, and suggests that the problem is solvable by placing in commercial hands the whole external telegraph and telephone services of the United Kingdom and by the combination of existing wireless and cable organisations as a public utility company.

For the protection of public interests there should be an Imperial Communications Board representing the Home Government, the Dominions, India and the Crown Colonies, empowered to regulate rates (which should be the lowest economically possible, consistent with a fair return on the capital employed) to determine strategic questions, and treating the Empire as one telegraphic unit, and to lay down a comprehensive plan for the linking up of every part of the Empire by wireless and cable.

The Imperial Government should actively support the company, extending British influence in the field of world communications. —*Reuter.*

### RUBBER CONTROL.

#### COLOMBO THINKS IT WILL END IN 1929.

Colombo, Feb. 11. It is generally believed in Ceylon that the restriction on the rubber output will be taken off in 1929.

It is believed that Mr. Baldwin's announcement for an inquiry and review was actuated by Sir Mathew Nathan, who is Chairman of the Rubber Advisory Committee and recently visited Ceylon as a member of the Constitutional Reform Commission.

The majority of Ceylon producers appear to favour withdrawal of the restrictions, with reasonable notice, as they are tired of Colonial Office methods of announcing the output variations. Sir Edward Drosling, who last week predicted that the removal of restriction would reduce the price of rubber sixpence a pound, is not meeting with much success with his propaganda in favour of tightening up the restrictions.

A prominent grower, Mr. C. E. A. Dias, declares that if bud-grafting is successful and Ceylon is able to quadruple her yield thereby, or by using a pure line of seed, local planters can make a profit at a market price of ten to twelve American cents per pound. —*Reuter.*

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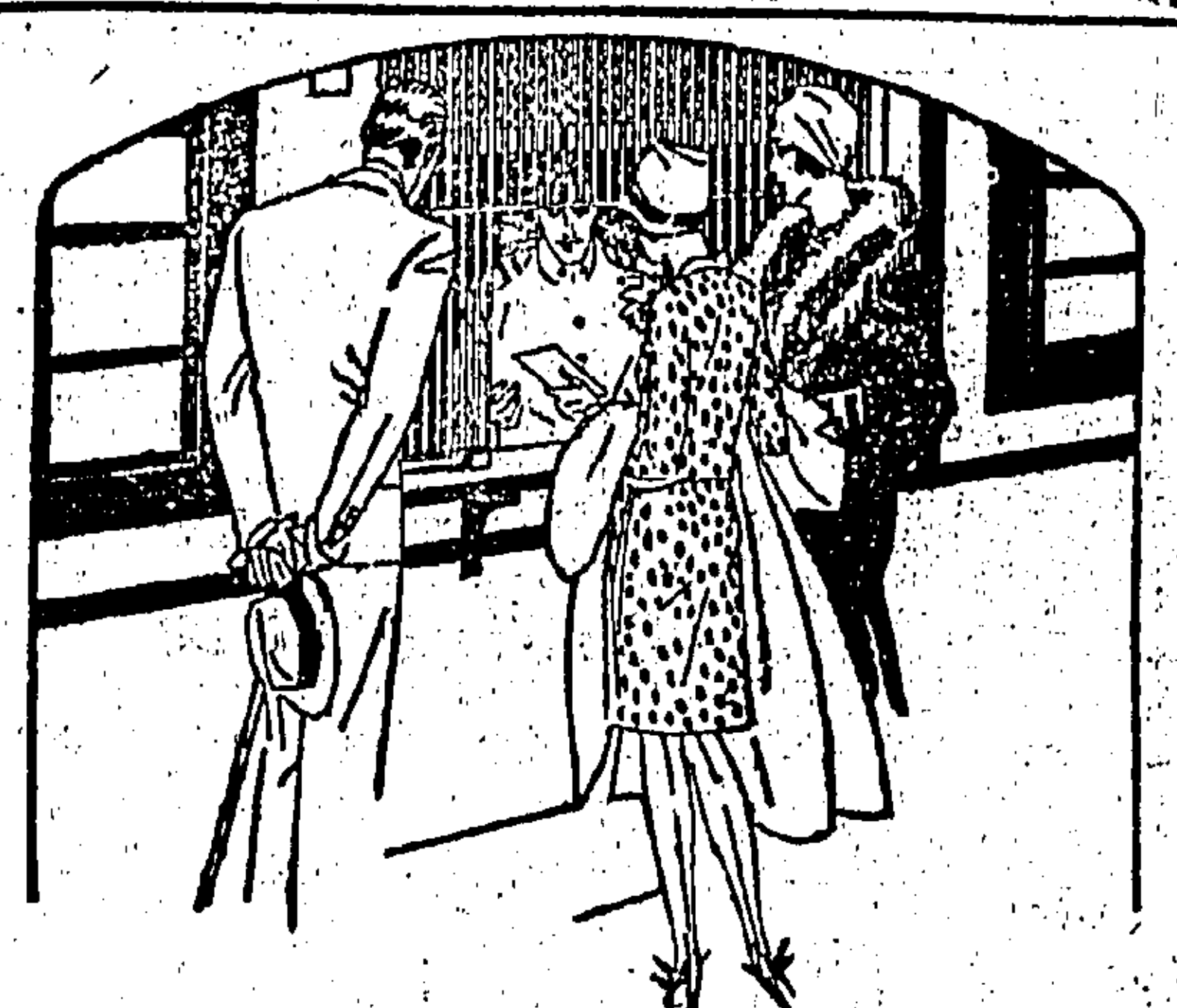
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**MISSING AVIATOR.****URNS UP SAFELY AT CALCUTTA.**

Calcutta, Feb. 11. The German airman Koennecke, of whom there has been no news for three months, has arrived. The last reports were that he was repairing the damaged tail of his machine in the jungle two hundred miles from Allahabad. —*Reuter.*

Calcutta, Feb. 12. Koennecke interviewed by *Reuter* said that he was quite fit and his aeroplane was undamaged. After covering 700 miles in seven hours he sighted Calcutta at five last evening. He circled the city for an hour and then proceeded to Barrackpore via Damdum. He was unable to make out the smoke signal at the latter place owing to smoke clouds from other places in the city. As it was becoming dark he landed safely on the Sankrail field where he was surrounded by a crowd, one of the persons in which guided them to the police station.

There he rang up the office of the German Consul-General but there was no response so he rang up a Calcutta newspaper, a member of whose staff immediately drove out to Sankrail and brought him to Calcutta early in the morning.

The airman hopes to resume their flight on Thursday to Rangoon, thence a non-stop flight to Hongkong and subsequently to Shanghai and Tokyo, where they expect to stay till April and then continue to Alaska. —*Reuter.*

**HINKLER'S FLIGHT.****ARRIVAL IN PALESTINE.**

Cairo, Feb. 11. Bert Hinkler has arrived at Ramleh, in Palestine. —*Reuter.*  
[Hinkler is trying to fly to Australia in 18 days to beat the time (28 days) taken by the Australians, Sir Ross Smith and Sir Keith Smith. He gets insurance money for every day that he cuts from their time. He left Croydon on Tuesday, February 7 and so far has been six days on his flight. If he does it in 17 days his insurance policy brings him £1,000.]

**THE PEACE QUEST.****SOVIET OBSERVER AT NEXT MEETINGS.**

Geneva, Feb. 11. M. Boris Stein, Director of the Soviet Foreign Affairs Commissariat, will represent the Soviet as observer at the meeting of the League of Nations Committee on Security and Arbitration on February 20. —*Reuter.*

**A LONG FLIGHT.****FRENCH AVIATORS IN NEW YORK.**

New York, Feb. 11. The French aviators Costes and Le Brix have arrived after a flight of 22,000 miles from Paris via South America.  
The aviators lunched yesterday with President Coolidge at Washington. —*Reuter's American Service.*

**THE DOLE AT HOME.****ASTOUNDING SUM FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.**

London, Feb. 11. In reply to Parliamentary questions, it is stated the amount of unemployment benefit paid in Great Britain on the financial year 1926-27 was about £50,500,000, or about 2s. per head of total population. —*British Wireless.*

**PAN-AMERICA.****WASHINGTON PERMANENT SEAT OF THE UNION.**

Havana, Feb. 11. The Pan-American Union unanimously passed a resolution making Washington the permanent seat of the Union. —*Reuter's American Service.*

**TRANS-ATLANTIC PHONE.****GERMANY ALSO ON THE LINE.**

Berlin, Feb. 11. Direct telephone service between Germany and America has been inaugurated by a conversation between Dr. Marx and the acting Secretary of State at Washington. —*Reuter.*

Relayed Through Rugby. London, Feb. 11. Telephonic communication between Germany and the United States was officially inaugurated yesterday.  
The new service is an extension of the Anglo-American Wireless Telephone Service. Conversations are transmitted over land lines to London, then by wireless from Rugby station to the American receiving station, and from there by land again to their destination. —*British Wireless.*

**TELEPHOTO SERVICE.****BERLIN-VIENNA VENTURE PROVES FAILURE.**

Vienna, Feb. 11. After two months trial the telephoto service between Vienna and Berlin has proved a failure, at least from the business viewpoint.

Business men apparently find the tariff works out at too high a figure, a medium-sized telephoto-graph costing from twenty to twenty-seven shillings.

At the beginning of December between thirty and forty pictures were transmitted daily, but by the end of January the business had fallen to only five or six daily.

It is probable that unless the charges are reduced the service will be suspended. —*Reuter.*

[The plan was to send photographs, in colours if necessary, of pictures or writing, paper not to be bigger than 4 inches by 7 1/4 inches. This it was said would allow 400 words.]

**SOUTH AFRICAN FIRE.****COLD STORAGE PLANT DESTROYED.**

Capetown, Feb. 11. Damage of approximately £400,000 was caused by a fire at the Imperial Cold Storage Company's premises.

Later. The buildings affected by the fire comprise half the total cold storage capacity of Capetown. The machinery and most important equipment are intact, but only the skeleton of the walls and the iron framework remain of the building. —*Reuter.*

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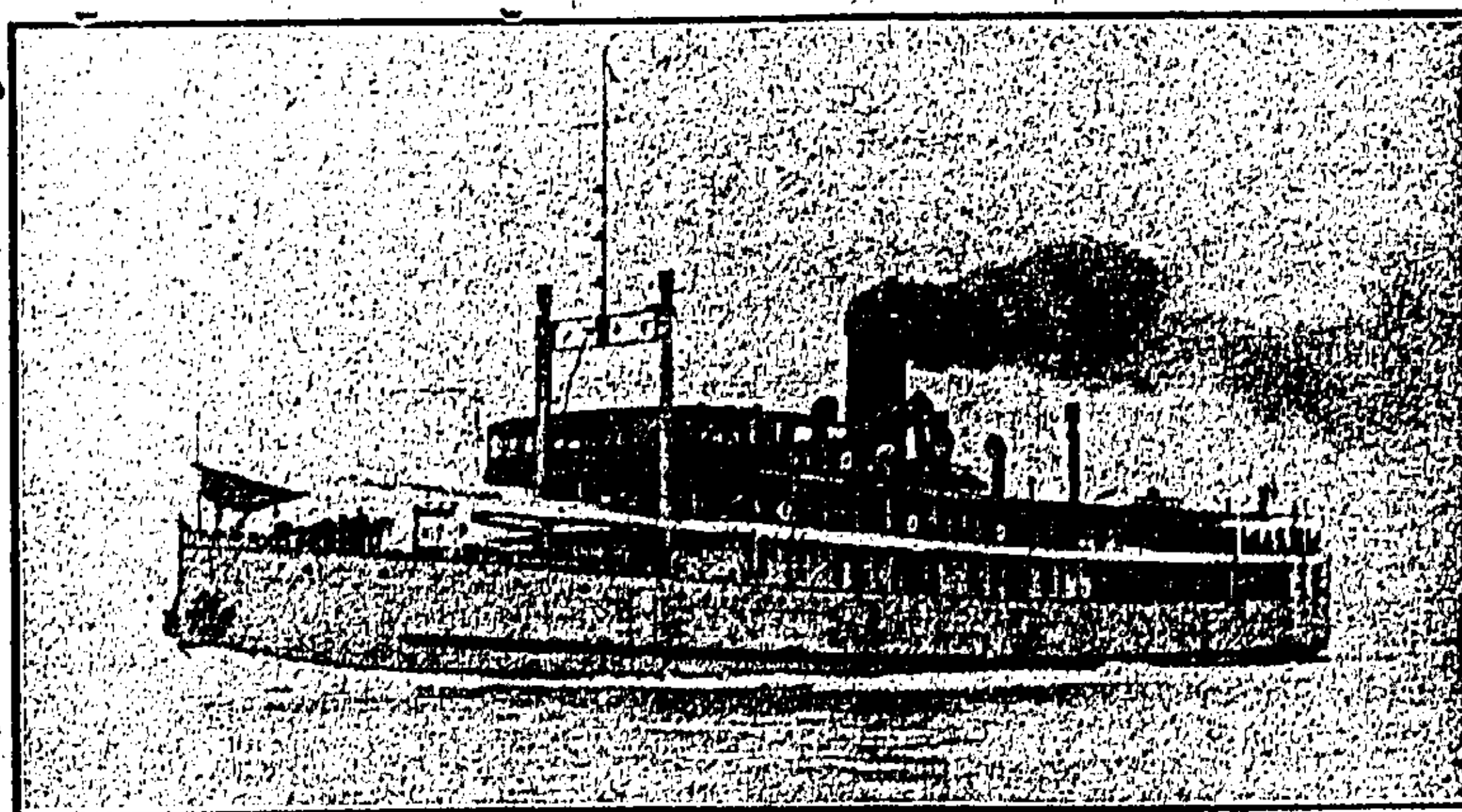
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| MAEDONIA   | 11,120 | 3rd Mar.              | Marseilles & London        |
| ALIPORE    | 5,273  | 7th Mar.              | Straits, Colombo & Bombay  |
| KHIVA      | 9,135  | 10th Mar.             | Marseilles, L'don & A'werp |
| KASHMIR    | 8,985  | 17th Mar.             | M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull  |
| MIRZAPORE  | 6,715  | 18th Mar.             | Straits, Colombo & Bombay  |
| KARMALA    | 9,128  | 24th Mar.             | Marseilles & London        |
| MANTUA     | 10,946 | 31st Mar.             | Marseilles & London        |
| KALYAN     | 9,144  | 7th Apr.              | Marseilles, L'don & A'werp |
| MONGOLIA   | 16,504 | 14th Apr.             | Marseilles & London        |
| NAGPORE    | 5,283  | 21st Apr.             | Marseilles & London        |
| MOREA      | 10,953 | 28th Apr.             | Marseilles & London        |
| KASHGAR    | 9,005  | 12th May              | Marseilles, L'don & A'werp |
| JEYPORE    | 5,318  | 19th May              | Marseilles & London        |
| MALWA      | 10,986 | 26th May              | Marseilles & London        |
| DELTA      | 8,097  | 9th June              | Marseilles, L'don & A'werp |
| NOVARA     | 6,989  | 16th June             | Marseilles & London        |
| RANPURA    | 16,601 | 23rd June             | Marseilles & London        |

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| TALAMBA | 8,018  | 24th Feb.         | S'pore, Penang & Calcutta |
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|------------|-------|-----------|----------------------------|
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|            |        |                |                                 |
|------------|--------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| KARMALA    | 9,128  | 14 Feb. 6 a.m. | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko        |
| KASHMIR    | 8,985  | 18th Feb.      | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko        |
| TALMA      | 10,000 | 21st Feb.      | Moji, Kobe & Osaka              |
| MIRZAPORE  | 6,715  | 21st Feb.      | Moji & Kobe                     |
| KALYAN     | 9,144  | 25th Feb.      | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe           |
| MONGOLIA   | 16,504 | 2nd Mar.       | S'hai, Kobe & Yoko              |
| TAKLIWA    | 7,936  | 3rd Mar.       | Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka |
| ST. ALBANS | 4,500  | 6th Mar.       | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko        |
| NAGPORE    | 5,283  | 6th Mar.       | S'hai, Kobe & Yoko              |
| MANTUA     | 10,946 | 16th Mar.      | Shanghai                        |
| LAHORE     | 5,252  | 19th Mar.      | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko        |
| MOREA      | 10,953 | 30th Mar.      | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko        |
| ARAFURA    | 6,000  | 3rd Apr.       | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko        |
| JEYPORE    | 6,318  | 10th Apr.      | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko        |
| KASHGAR    | 9,005  | 13th Apr.      | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko        |
| MALWA      | 10,986 | 27th Apr.      | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko        |
| NOVARA     | 6,989  | 8th May        | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko        |
| TANDA      | 6,956  | 8th May        | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko        |
| DELTA      | 8,097  | 11th May       | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko        |
| RANPURA    | 16,601 | 25th May       | S'hai, Kobe & Yoko              |
| NANKIN     | 7,058  | 4th June       | S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko        |

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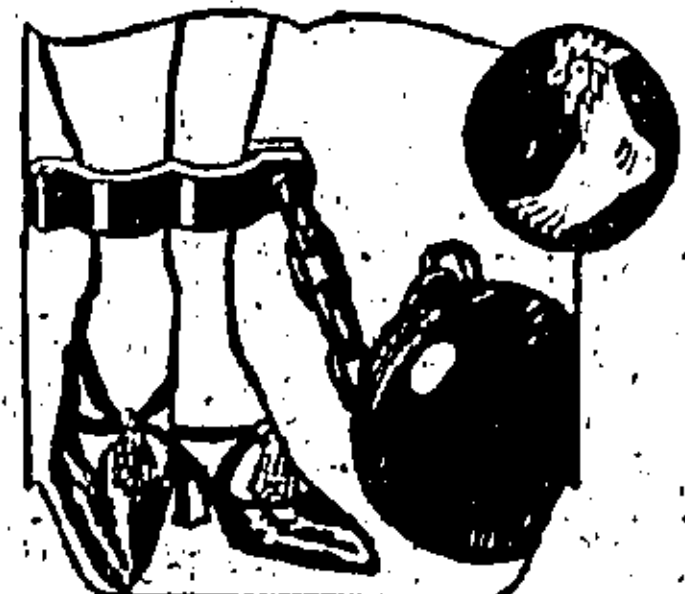
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HEIR APPARENT  
BEATEN.

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4.—The Valley Stakes.—Winner  
\$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200.  
For Subscription Grifins of this  
Meeting. Weight for inches as  
per scale. Six Furlongs.

Mr. Moon's O Moon (Mr. Wong) 1

Mr. Seth's Erstwhile (Mr. Heard) 2

Mr. Richardson's Movinagher (Mr. Haimovitch) 3

Eight starters. Five lengths;  
six lengths.

Time:—1 min. 32.2/5th secs.

Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$12.10;

1st \$5.20; 2nd \$5.10; 3rd \$5.60.

5.—The Trial Plate.—Winner

\$750. Second \$300. Third \$150.

For China Ponies, bona fide

Grifins of this Meeting. Weight

for inches as per scale. Subscrip-

tion Grifins of this Meeting allowed

6 lb. Winner of the Maiden

Stakes 6 lb. extra. (Jockey allow-

ance). Entrance \$10. Allowances

accumulative. One Mile and a

Quarter.

Mr. Hynes' and Mr. Gordon

Mackie's Peck (Mr. Heard) 1

Mr. L. Dunbar's Coos Bay (Mr. Charles) 2

Mr. Eve's Boxing Eye (Mr. Pote Hunt) 3

Also ran:—Mr. Dynasty's Heir

Apparent (Mr. Haimovitch), Mrs.

R. J. Paterson's Misch Misch (Mr.

Stanton) and Mr. Ho Kom-long's

Artistic Hall (Mr. Wong).

Won by a head, with a neck be-

hind second and third. Heir Ap-

parent was fourth.

Time:—2 min. 40.3/5th secs.

Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$23.40;

1st \$8.10; 2nd \$12.00; 3rd \$8.10.

6.—The Governor's Cup.—

Presented by His Excellency the

Governor, with \$600 added for

Winner. Second \$300. Third

\$200. For all China Ponies.

Weight for inches as per scale.

Winners at this Meeting 5 lb.

extra. (Jockey allowance). En-

trance \$10. One Mile and a Quar-

ter.

Mr. L. Dunbar's Elliot Bay

(Mr. Maitland) 1

Mr. Dynasty's King of Hearts

(Mr. Haimovitch) 2

Mrs. Priestley's Grande del Norte

(Mr. Pote Hunt) 3

Five starters. Many lengths;

many lengths.

Time:—2 min. 37.4/5th secs.

Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$8.40;

1st \$5.10; 2nd \$5.30.

7.—The Garrison Cup.—

Presented by the Officers of the

Garrison, with \$500 added for

Winner. Second \$250. Third

\$150. For Subscription Grifins

of any Season. Weight for inches

as per scale. Subscrip-

tion Grifins of this Season allowed

3 lb. Winners during 1927 of one

Race 7 lb.; of more than one 10 lb.

at this Meeting 3 lb. extra.

Penalties and Allowances accumu-

lative. (Jockey allowance). En-

trance \$10. One Mile.

Mr. Eve's Festive Eve

(Mr. Pote Hunt) 1

Mr. George's Horsford

(Mr. Heard) 2

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin

(Mr. Bulteel) 3

Thirteen starters. A length; half

a length.

Time:—2 min. 11.3/5th secs.

Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$35.80;

1st \$11.60; 2nd \$13.00; 3rd

\$20.30.

8.—The Chater Cup.—Presented

with \$1,000 added. Second \$300.

Third \$200. For China Ponies,

that have run in at least three

Extra Meetings in Hongkong

during the Season 1927, one or

more of such meetings previous to

1st July, 1927 and one or more

subsequent to that date. Weight

for inches as per scale. Win-

ners during 1927 of one race 5 lb.

of two races 7 lb., of three or more

two races 10 lb. Subscrip-

tion Grifins allowed 5 lb. Allowances

accumulative. (Jockey allow-

ance). From the Two Mile Post

Once Round and in. (About one

mile 165 yards).

Mr. Hau Un's Little Sit Tang

(Mr. Roza) 1

Mr. R. M. Austin's Brigade Call

(Mr. Maitland) 2

Messrs. Usher and Reidy's Macao

Beauty (Mr. Usher) 3

Ten starters. A head; a length.

Time:—2 min. 23.2/5th secs.

Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$59.40;

1st \$41.00; 2nd \$6.80; 3rd \$16.50.

9.—The Racing Stakes.—Winner

\$600. Second \$200. Third \$100.

For Grifins of this Meeting and

Ponies that have never won a

Race. Subscrip-

tion Grifins of this Meeting allowed

5 lb. Weight for inches as per scale.

Winners barred. (Jockey allow-

ance). Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Mr. Dynasty's Young Pretender

(Mr. Haimovitch) 1

Mr. Eve's New Year's Eve

(Mr. Pote Hunt) 2

Mr. R. J. Paterson's November

(Mr. Bulteel) 3

Ten starters. A neck; five

lengths.

Time:—2 min. 04.2/5th secs.

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The launch, which was sold  
complete with all her machinery  
and fittings, has a length of 17 feet  
and is 13 feet 8 inches wide, with  
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the net tonnage is 41.20 tons.

Starting at \$4,000, with bids of  
\$200 each acceptable, the launch  
was sold to Mr. Chu for \$5,800.

H.M.S. Hawkins returned from  
Manila on Saturday, and this  
morning her men had a route  
march through Wanchai.

Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$31.00;

1st \$7.10; 2nd \$6.20; 3rd \$5.80.

Before this race, two jockeys

were thrown in false starts. Deep

Water Bay first threw Mr. Charles,

who, however, was not hurt and

was able to re-mount the pony and

take part in the race. In another

false start, Blackstone Hall (Mr.

Wong, up) bumped against the

rails, both jockey and pony falling.

The latter then took fright and

ran on to the sand course near the

football stand, where it jumped

over into the grass course, break-

ing down the rails in so doing and

charging into the crowd of Chinese

at this point. Eventually, the

pony was got under by an Indian

constable, and Mr. Wong, who was

unhurt, mounted. When the

ponies finally got away, Blackstone

Hall was amongst them, but came

in last.

At the conclusion of the race,

there was a protest lodged against

the winner by the owner of Novem-

ber, for alleged boring, but it was

disallowed.

10.—The Jockey Club Stakes.—

Winner \$1,000. Second \$300.

Third \$200. For China Ponies.

Weight for inches as per scale.

Grifins of this Meeting allowed

5 lb. Winners at this Meeting

5 lb. extra. Allowances accumu-

lative. (Jockey allowance). One

Mile and a Quarter.

Mrs. E. L. Dunbar's Sittin' Bull

(Mr. Maitland) 1

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Ukelele

(Mr. Bulteel) 2

Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's

San Diego (Mr. Stanton) 3

Nine starters. Four lengths;

half a length.

Time:—2 min. 46 secs.

Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$7.50;

1st \$5.50; 2nd \$6.40; 3rd \$6.90.

11.—The Kaifu Plate.—Winner

\$600. Second \$200. Third \$100.

For China Ponies, Subscrip-

tion Grifins of this Meeting. Weight

for inches as per scale. Win-

ners 7 lb. penalty. (Jockey allow-

ance). Entrance \$10. Seven Fur-

longs.

Major Lake's Dumfries

(Mr. Maitland) 1

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's

Ploughman (Mr. Pote Hunt) 2

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Spinner

(Mr. Bulteel) 3

Nineteen starters. Two and a

half lengths; one length.

Time:—1 min. 54 secs.

Parl-Mutuel.—Winner, \$12.70;

1st \$6.20; 2nd \$6.40; 3rd \$9.90.

The Officials.

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C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and Com-

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